



**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**OF THE**

**COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON**

**IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016**

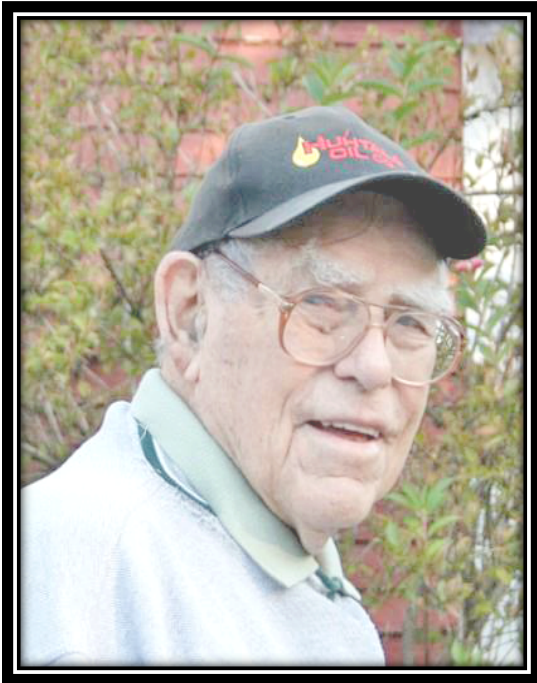
## **NOTICE OF OMITTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Unfortunately, due to the long outstanding lack of completed audit information, we were not able to include certain financial information from the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer/Collector in this Fiscal Year 2016 issue of our Annual Report. This is the same situation that existed for the reporting years of Fiscal 2013, 2014, and 2015. This situation has finally been resolved with the anticipated release of the audits for all four of these years happening almost simultaneously with the release of this Annual Report.**

**Therefore, we will be issuing a special bound report to the community by June 30, 2017, containing the audited information from the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer/Collector for FY 2013 through FY 2016. A special notice to the community will be made at the time of this happening and a copy placed upon our Town web site. You may sign up to receive all such News and Announcements by email as they are made by going to <http://www.templeton1.org/subscribe> and scroll to the bottom and click on the box next to “Town News & Announcements” under the category of “News or Announcement”. Then click on “Subscribe Me” and the system will ask for your email address and for you to confirm.**

## **DEDICATION**

**The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016 is dedicated to a devoted member of our community who passed away the prior year**



**GEORGE F. PUSHEE, JR.,**

**APRIL 12, 1922 – MARCH 22, 2015**

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**George was a Trustee for the Boynton Public Library for many years. He worked hard each year to ensure the Library budget was secure. George was active in the First Church of Templeton for many years where he sang in the choir. He was an**

**active member of the Narragansett Historical Society. He enjoyed hunting, playing golf, and refinishing antiques. In his early years in Templeton, George enjoyed teaching and calling square dances in the barn where his wife, Midge, also had the Humpty Dumpty Kindergarten. He later opened Wright Tavern Antiques and made many good friends at auctions and antique shows. He enjoyed watching sports on TV in his final years, especially football and the Patriots. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, community members, and the Town of Templeton.**

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

There have been many changes in FY' 16. The newly created Human Resource Assistant position was vacated and has not been replaced at this time. With one year under our belt, combining all services under one roof has proved to be a major asset to the staff and the residents. The positive feedback has been that it's easier to communicate among one another and better serve the public.

The work on Town Hall has continued with the replacing of many windows, upgrade of cameras and technology in the conference room, a new sign out front, some electrical upgrades and various smaller projects. There are still renovation projects to be done, but It is our hope to complete the remaining windows in the coming fiscal year.

The progress to complete the audits has been slower than anticipated, but recreating the books is work that must be done accurately. Our financial team has worked many hours to ensure the audits can go as smooth as possible and will have all 4 years completed at the same time. The Board anticipates a management letter that will have many areas that need improvement and address concern and we look forward to developing goals and policy from this.

The Board of Selectman will continue to work toward sound fiscal policy, procedure and best practices. The Board has begun meeting regularly for workshops to discuss the budget process, ways to save money and not sacrifice services to the community, effective and efficient procedure and better ways to communicate with the various committees and boards.

We wish to thank our employees for all the great work they do in serving the Town of Templeton and making our community a safe and wonderful community to live in.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Your Board of Selectmen*

## TOWN COUNSEL

During 2016, Town Counsel rendered various legal opinions, provided advice regarding the requirements of the State Ethics Act, approved contracts as to form, and we assisted the Town in connection with employee issues and a variety of real estate issues. We worked on the Cook Estate pumping station issue, the new Templeton Elementary School, election questions, public records requests, and issues regarding application of the Permit Extension Act, and attended Town Meetings, including the Annual Town Meeting and a Special Town Meeting

A number of disputes and claims were resolved during 2016, but the following litigation matter remained pending as of December 31, 2016:

Town of Templeton v. Legrant Stanley and Rose Stanley (Tax Collector)  
Land Court No. 10 TL 140939

Bohigian v. Town of Templeton, Wor Sup Ct, C.A. No 1685CV01674D

Each of the above efforts required the participation of numerous Town officials and private citizen volunteers - all working together towards a better Templeton.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. DeRensis  
TOWN COUNSEL

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is a seven-member volunteer committee, appointed by the Town Moderator. Regular meetings were held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. Several additional meetings were held throughout the year when needed. The board also conducted public hearings as required by local bylaw, known as “Pre-Town Meeting”, at least one week prior to each Town or Special Town Meeting. One of the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee is to administer the Emergency Reserve Account. This account is needed for unforeseen expenses for the department budgets in the town. Another responsibility of the board is to advise the town people on town financial matters affecting the town.

## FY16 Advisory Board Members and Committee Appointments

Member	Position	5-Aug-15	19-Aug-15	24-Feb-16	11-May-16
G Moore	Chairman		Elected Chairman		
W Spring	Vice–Chairman		Elected Vice Chairman		
M Greene	Member				Resigned
M Barrieau	Member		Elected Scribe	Resigned	
B Bartholomeo	Member				
J Bennett	Member	Voted Member		Elected Scribe	
K Fulton	Member				

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Inspections of barns were completed by the Animal Inspector during the fall and winter months. During these inspections, the inspector reports on the conditions of the animals as well as the suitability and cleanliness of their environment. Violations were issued if there were no provisions for food, water, or shelter. No violations were issued in 2016.

The Animal Inspector issues quarantine orders for animals suspected of rabies, due to direct exposure to wildlife, or unvaccinated domestic animals. To reduce the risk of human exposure to rabies, it is strongly recommended that pet owners have their pets vaccinated for rabies. Residents should be discouraged from feeding wildlife, including feral cats, as there are many other diseases which these animals carry.



## BOARD OF HEALTH

### Budget Expenses FY' 16

#### Human Services

Title:	Budgeted Amount:
Inspectional Service Admin	\$23,763.00
BOH Agent	\$47,518.00
Inspectional Service Expenses	\$ 3,500.00
Animal Inspector Expense	\$500
Landfill Monitor	\$5500

#### Revolving Accounts

Title:	Beginning balance:	Ending balance:
Recycling Revolving	10,000.00	8230.1

Fees received and submitted to the Town's General Fund from permits issued and inspection fees charged: \$24,790.00

In FY '16 the Board of Health issued one T5 loan, we look forward to using this program more in the future.

The Templeton Board of Health (TBOH) consists of three members who are residents of Templeton. These members are elected during town elections, and each serves a three-year term. TBOH meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. The TBOH office staff is comprised of a full-time health agent and an administrative assistant. Due to the ever evolving health needs of the community, the TBOH members as well as the office staff attend yearly training sessions and seminars.

Food inspections are performed throughout the year at licensed food establishments, along with the cafeterias at all of the public schools. Plan reviews for new food establishments help the applicants through the permitting process. The health director witnesses percolation and deep-hole tests as well as groundwater determinations during Title 5 inspections. Septic plan reviews as well as septic system installation inspection are also performed by this office. Templeton continues to have new housing starts and repairs to existing septic systems occurring on a regular basis.

The TBOH continues to promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of the Town by administering, and enforcing any current local, state, and federal regulations, and in addition promulgates new regulations as the need arises. The TBOH is in the processing of adopting smoking regulations for private clubs.

Templeton continues to be an active member of the North Central-Franklin County Tobacco Control Alliance. The purpose of this alliance is to monitor youth access to tobacco products using unannounced compliance checks of those establishments licensed to sell tobacco products. These compliance checks occur several times throughout the year. The Tobacco Alliance's responsibility is to investigate all tobacco related complaints. FY16 the Board of Health along with the Tobacco Alliance began work on a flavor tobacco and nicotine delivery device ban, which took effect in October of 2016.

TBOH continues to be an active participant in the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition. This coalition consists of 74 cities and towns in Central Massachusetts. The TBOH has received funding from the coalition to enhance public health emergency preparedness through training and equipment the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Emergency Preparedness Bureau to determine deliverables and planning initiatives.

The Board of Health wishes to express their appreciation to all Town Boards, Commissions, and Staff for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jane Crocker- Chair  
Luke Rotti- Vice Chair  
Laura Hoag- Clerk

\*\*Please note that the above figures were not verified with the accountant as the FY'16 books were not closed and therefore not available

## **BOYNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Boynton Public Library has been privileged to provide materials and services to our community and patrons this past year. An assortment of books, magazines, audio-visual materials were readily available, as well as offering Internet access, printing and faxing services, reference assistance and a variety of programs throughout the year.

A PreSchool Story Hour was held each Wednesday morning throughout the school year. An average of 25 children participated each week, enjoying stories, games, crafts and a snack. A celebration was held in May as Story Hour concluded for the summer.

Children in grades K & 1 from Templeton Center School visited several times a month throughout the school year to listen to stories, learn about the library and borrow books.

A "Songbirds of the Northeast" program, was held and very well-attended. This program was generously funded through a grant from the Cultural Council.

The Summer Reading Program's theme, "On your mark, get set, READ!" coincided nicely with the 2016 Olympic games. We offered many fun activities and reading incentives. Pizza and puzzle nights were very popular, as were our board-game nights. The program concluded with an ice cream sundae party in August. Approximately 40 children participated.



The building department is responsible for enforcing building, electrical, and plumbing codes and zoning ordinance to ensure the safety and quality of construction for both commercial and residential construction. The building commissioner also oversees and enforces the towns Zoning By-Laws. The building department is involved in most projects from the design to completion and occupancy of the project. The best part of what we do is getting to watch people's plans and dreams come true!

Prepared by Admin Mallory Seamon

Respectfully Submitted  
Richard Hanks  
Building Commissioner

\*This report was prepared using the year-end budget figures in the Building Departments office and was not verified with the Town Accountant as FY16 end year figures were not available at the time when this report was produced

## **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

In fiscal year 2016 a total of 171 electrical permits were issued, a total of \$8,436.90 was collected in fees. Total payout for Inspections in Inspectional Services was \$6,350.00

Respectfully Submitted  
Darrell Sweeney  
Electrical Inspector

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## **GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

In fiscal year 2016 a total of 73 gas/plumbing permits were issued. A total \$3,590.00 of was collected in fees. Total payout for Inspections in Inspectional Services was \$6,350.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Geyster  
Gas/Plumbing Inspector

\*This report was prepared using the year-end budget figures in the Building Departments office and was not verified with the Town Accountant as FY16 end year figures were not available at the time when this report was produced.

## CABLE COMMITTEE

The Templeton Cable TV Advisory Committee operates and maintains the town's cable access channel, known as Templeton Community Television (TCTV), appearing in Templeton on cable Channel 8.

TCTV is presently broadcast from the town's Baldwinville station, in addition to Narragansett Regional High School.

Cablecasts of Select Board meetings, School Committee Meetings, Advisory Committee, Planning Board hearings and Templeton Elementary School Building Committee meetings are now regularly shown on TCTV. In addition, several events such as festivals and concerts appear on the channel, as well as informational programs for seniors and kids' shows. TCTV also maintains public notices on a slide show that runs between programs, along with scenic photos of Templeton and other useful information. Programming runs from early morning to late night each day.

Funding for the cable access station comes from public access fees the cable operator, Comcast, charges cable TV subscribers in Templeton, presently totaling 2 percent of all TV revenue the company earns in the town. In FY16, Comcast paid the Town \$47,304.14 in cable access fees, to be used solely to operate and maintain the public access station and for cable TV-related matters.

As of January 2017, the Committee was in final negotiations of a license renewal with Comcast that would pay 4.25 percent of TV revenues in town to fund the cable channel's operation and cable TV related activities, as well as \$60,000 in a capital grant for the purchase of new equipment.

The Cable TV Advisory Committee expended \$85,918.90 in FY16 on various equipment and operational needs, including phone and Internet fees, security system expenses, stipends for Committee members, and part-time station manager and part-time video recording help. The Committee has drawn on its healthy account balance to help pay these expenses until the new license with increased operational funding goes into effect.

In FY16 a new camera and recording system was added to the Town Hall Conference Room, the new license terms with Comcast were negotiated, and an agreement was reached with the Narragansett Regional School District to house the station's equipment rack at its broadcast location and develop a broadcast and multimedia curriculum around the TV station and related media properties. Interns from the school are already working productively on TCTV and the 'Gansett Hour show that is cablecast on school nights.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Castle, Chairman  
Marcia Breen, member  
Rick Degon, member  
Virginia Strahan, member

## CEMETERY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Budget Titles	Requested/Voted	Expended	Turned Back
Superintendent Salary	\$60,219.00	\$59,988.13	\$ 230.87
Crew Salaries	\$69,935.00	\$69,550.44	\$ 384.56
Secretary Salary	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Commissioners Salaries	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Expense	\$ 20,000.00	\$19,481.49	\$ 518.51
Soldiers/Sailors	\$ 600.00	\$ 578.40	\$ 21.60
Cemetery Fire Fighter	\$ 600.00	\$ 594.90	\$ 5.10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$151,354.00</b>	<b>\$150,193.36</b>	<b>\$1,160.64</b>

Perpetual Care PineGrove	\$33,335.75
Expended	\$1,602.00

Perpetual Care GreenLawn	\$11,162.82
Expended	\$2,814.13

### Revolving Account

This account was set up to collect fees for Saturday Burials. It will be used to pay salaries for burials done on Saturday.

Revolving Account	\$8,000.00	Revolving Fees Collected
Expended	\$3920.07	

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	John Henshaw	At Large
Vice-Chair:	Joyce Gruzan	Templeton Housing Authority
Clerk:	Dennis Rich	Planning Board
Members:	Mike Morgan	At Large
	Joy Taintor	Recreation Committee
	George Andrews	Conservation Commission
	Fred Henshaw	Board of Assessors
	Carrie Novak	At Large (Elected May 2015)
	Darlene Laclair	Historical Commission

The Templeton Community Preservation Committee met monthly during fiscal year 2016, guiding and reviewing proposed projects, monitoring and facilitating current projects, and identifying community needs through public meetings. The state match awarded to Templeton in October 2015 was equal to 100% of the amount billed by the town (\$111,339). The Town continued its membership in the Community Preservation Coalition and received assistance from the Coalition when requested.

Progress was made on existing projects and three new projects were funded with Community Preservation Act funds were approved in fiscal year 2016.

1. November 9, 2015 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted \$98,000 from the Templeton Community Preservation Fund for the removal of the two buildings at 4 Elm Street, and to establish a conservation area under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and maintained by the Cemetery and Parks Department. This led to the creation of Veteran's Park in Baldwinville.
2. March 21, 2016 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted \$128,000 from the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. This represents the final portion of the Tomb Restoration Project.
3. May 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, the Town voted \$50,000 from Templeton Community Preservation Funds for the Board of Selectmen to expend for the historic preservation of the Town-owned building at 135 Patriots Road, East Templeton, known as Scout Hall, by rehabilitating the ceiling and other interior components, electrical, plumbing and heating components for use as a municipal Youth and Community Center.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Members for the Conservation Commission for fiscal year 2016:

George Andrews, Chairman  
Dave Symonds, member  
Earl Baxter, member  
Nathan Schroeder, member  
Brittany Gesner, member

Office Expenses:

Administration Assistant:

Allocated \$2903.00      Expended      \$2849.86      Returned      \$53.14

Office Supplies:

Allocated      \$500.00      Expended      \$455.56      Returned      \$44.44

The Conservation Commission is a group of volunteers charged with enforcing Templeton's Conservation goals. The goals include Open Space protection, Wetlands Protection and encouraging and monitoring conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

In administrating their duties, the Conservation Commission utilize the following procedures:

Request for Determination

Notice of Intent

A request for a determination provides applicants with the option of seeking a determination on the applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act for a proposed site or activity.

A Notice of Intent determines the size and location of any impacts that a proposed project may have on identified wetlands.

In 2016 the Conservation Commission handled eight (8) Request for Determinations, four (4) Notices of Intent as well as forty-seven (47) Site Inspections.

The Conservation Commission is located at the Templeton Town Hall, 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, Ma. 01438. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 AM to 10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carl Giacobone

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Appropriation at town meeting

Director Salary	\$22,889.00
Wages for Staff	\$58,318.00
Expenses	\$20,000.00

Expenditures

Director Salary	\$22,663.14
Turned Back to Town	\$ 255.86
Wages for Staff	\$58,318.00
Turned Back to Town	\$ 0.00

Expenses	\$20,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 3,593.98



Postage	\$ 490.00
Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,047.05
Copy machine lease and supplies	\$ 4,458.29
Utilities (water, sewer, and propane)	\$ 5,504.00
Van repairs and inspections	\$ 1,467.40
One-time expenses due to move into the new building	\$ 2,438.36
Turned back to town	\$ .92
Formula Grant	\$14,358.09
Office Supplies	\$ 1,171.71
Newsletter Printing	\$ 4,002.65
MCOA Seminar and Annual Conf	\$ 821.94
Affiliation Fees	\$ 2,487.81
Utilities (water, sewer, propane, and fire alarm service)	\$ 2,016.10
Furniture	\$1,378.24
Salaries	\$2,464.66
Deducted from 2017 funding	\$ 14.91
Food Pantry 7/01/2015	\$7,213.39
Donations	\$4,256.69
Hamburg	\$2,343.60
Dry Goods	\$5,663.92
Supplies (gloves, Ziplocs, etc.)	\$ 140.93
Food Pantry 6/30/2016	\$3,321.63
Gift Account 7/01/2015	\$2,753.70
Donations	\$1,195.71
Programming	\$1,434.75
Misc Supplies	\$ 829.48
Gift Account 6/30/2016	\$1,685.18

\*\*\*Balances for the Food Pantry and Gift Account could not be verified with certainty with the Town Accountant as the beginning balance was not verified due to the lack of completed audits.

2016 was a very exciting year for us. We moved into the new building in August of 2015, and on opening day we were inundated with people, and we have not slowed down since.

We served 873 seniors on 20,577 occasions for many different reasons, such as case management, nutrition, fuel and housing assistance, referrals, transportation needs, just to name a few. Our transportation team transported 217 people to 7,992 places, Meals on Wheels delivered

4,512 meals to 44 different people. Lastly, we have 25 volunteers that donated 2,633.67 hours with a pay equivalent of \$22,013.50.

MART reimbursed the Town for drivers' hourly wages (except Meals on Wheels), cell phones for the vans, and the fuel for the MART owned van. The Formula grant offset a great deal of the expenses for the year, as we had just moved into the new building and needed furniture and office equipment and we were able to purchase desks, and guest chairs with the Formula Grant, freeing up the town appropriated money to purchase office equipment needed for the individual offices.

The Friends of the Templeton Elders purchased tables and chairs for the dining hall and function rooms; one of the former Directors has purchased book shelves at a used furniture sale that we were able to use in the library. Through many donations, we have been able to complete the interior of the first floor of the Senior Center.

In the spring of 2016 we were able to move the food pantry from Elm Street to Senior Drive. The food pantry continues to thrive. Sue Lajoie and her volunteers served 387 individuals on 2,083 occasions. They also gave out turkey baskets at Thanksgiving and toys at Christmas. Without the generosity of our community we would not be able to support those in need.

I would like to thank the volunteers that help make our senior center run without them we would not be able to function. I would also like to thank my wonderful staff who also makes this senior center as fabulous as it is.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dianna Morrison, Director  
Templeton Council on Aging  
Templeton Senior Community Center

## **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences is provided through a central agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state. The Templeton Cultural Council is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Templeton. In order to receive and distribute state funds, local Cultural Councils must have a minimum of five members, and may have up to 17 members; the Templeton Cultural Council currently has seven members. Any town resident interested in promoting the arts in Templeton is invited to apply for Council membership. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms; application forms are available on the town website. Members currently serving on the Council are: Daniel Burns, Jan Caisse, Noah Castle, Carol Clark, Patricia Gale, Darlene LaClair and Barbara White. The Council conducts a survey of community interest each year, and welcomes suggestions for programs to be funded and presented in Templeton.

Date annual report completed:

01/15/2017

Account Balance Beginning of Period (7/1/2015):	\$3,787.27
State Revenue (FY2016 Allocation):	\$4,800.00
Municipal Revenues:	\$100.00
Other Revenues:	\$20.05
Total Revenues:	\$4,920.05
Total Expenditures:	\$6,847.00
Account Balance End of Period (6/30/16)	\$1,860.32
Locally Raised Funds	\$350.00
Account Balance End of Period (6/30/16)	\$1,860.32
Total Encumbered Funds as of 6/30/16	\$1,510.00

For the 2016 Fiscal Year, the Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$4,800 to the Templeton Cultural Council. Requests for funding from local organizations totaled \$9,945. After reserving \$100 for administrative expenses, and allocating previously encumbered funds in its account, the Council awarded the following grants to bring the arts and sciences to the residents of Templeton:

- Audio Journal, Inc., was awarded \$300 to support the “Cultural Bridge” program
- Templeton Center Elementary School was awarded \$1,000 to support a field trip to a Theatre at the Mount production for grades K - 1
- Baldwinville Elementary School was awarded \$1,322 to support a field trip to a Theatre at the Mount production for grades 2-4
- Templeton Council on Aging was awarded \$400 for a musical performance, “From Jazz to Hip Hop”
- Templeton Council on Aging was awarded \$450, for a musical program “Irish Songs & Blarney”
- Templeton Council on Aging was awarded \$500 for a musical program, “Hear That Whistle Blow”
- Templeton Council on Aging was awarded \$250 for a musical program, “Musical Journey through the Years”
- Templeton Council Aging was awarded \$410 for an Intergenerational Event, Animal Adventures
- Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School was awarded \$200, for a trip to the New England Aquarium
- Narragansett Regional School District was awarded \$600 for a trip by 50 students in grades 5-12 to the Museum of Contemporary Art

With locally-raised funds, the Templeton Cultural Council funded the following in FY 2016: Performance by Tropical Sensations Steel Drum Band at the Annual Templeton Arts and Crafts Fair, \$450.

Report submitted by  
Patricia Gale, Templeton Cultural Council Chair

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Templeton's Emergency Management Agency is staffed by Richard Curtis, Emergency Management Director(EMD) / CERT Program Manager; Michael Dickson, Deputy EMD/ CERT Director; and Scott Demar, Assistant Deputy EMD / Emergency Communications Officer.

During this year, we applied for the 2015 SHSP CCP Grant and were awarded \$2500. With this grant award, we purchased CPR training equipment, (8 Adult / 8 Infant Manikins and 4 AED Trainers). This allows us to train our own CERT and local area CERT programs without having to borrow equipment.

We also applied for an Emergency Management Performance Grant and were awarded \$2780. This was used to purchase an ID system for credentialing responders during an emergency. It will also be utilized by the Town Clerk to provide ID's to Town Employees.

Templeton's CERT program has remained active. In addition to their regular monthly meetings and scheduled trainings, they were requested to assist with parking / traffic / crowd control at many of Templeton's community events. They also performed Firefighter Re-Hab for the Fire Department as needed.

### Emergency Management Salary:

Salary / EMD: \$000.00

Salary / DEMD: \$000.00

Salary / ADEMD: \$000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard W. Curtis, EMD

## FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Returned</u>
Fire Chief Salary	\$64, 49.00	\$64,492.00	0
Fire/EMS Salaries	\$135, 65.00	\$135,650.00	\$222
Fire Department Expenses	\$69,900.00	\$69,900.00	0
EMS Salary	\$244,406.00	\$245,096.00	+\$ (690)
Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0
Ambulance Lease/Payment	\$57,000.00	\$245,096.00	\$844.00
		Total Returned	\$194.00

### Income

Ambulance Receipts	\$241,891.00
Smoke/CO inspections, Oil Burner/Tank inspections, Burn permits	\$ 13,105.00
Fire Department Fees	\$ 1,066.00

The Fire Department responded to the following recorded calls.

➤ Structure Fires.....	9
➤ Chimney Fires.....	3
➤ Fire Alarms.....	61
➤ Car Fires.....	5
➤ Lawn mower fires.....	2
➤ Brush Fires.....	12
➤ Hazmat Incidents.....	2
➤ Oven/Stove Fires.....	2
➤ Service/Investigations.....	111
➤ Gas leak, Oder/Smell.....	1
➤ MVAs.....	59
➤ Mutual Aid.....	24
➤ Fire caused by downed wires.....	2
➤ Ambulance Calls ALS.....	123
➤ Ambulance Calls BLS.....	542
➤ Other agencies ALS.....	46
➤ Other agencies BLS.....	42
➤ Dumpster Fire that spread to the building.....	1

Total recorder calls from the Dispatch Center...1047

As we review the previous fiscal year 2016, it is my hope that you will recognize the continued commitment that all fire department members give to the town we serve. The department finished FY '16 with a total of 1,047 incidents requiring Fire or EMS response. This is an upward trend in terms of call volume. Having an ambulance positioned at both station provides a safe and effective first line response to medical emergencies and has improved capabilities since the upgrade to Advance Life Support (ALS) in 2016. In April 2016, the ambulance received a service license upgrade from Basic Life Support (BLS) to be allowed to provide Advance Life Support. ALS provides advanced interventions to include but is not limited to: Cardiac Monitoring/12-Lead EKG, IV access, drug administration and endotracheal intubation. Along with advanced patient assessment skills, Paramedics who evaluate and treat patients at the ALS level provide many prehospital skills that can provide positive patient condition improvement which was not previously attained at the BLS level. The license upgrade was attained by a letter of support signed by the then Select board in August 2015 as part of the license upgrade application. The licensing agreement stipulates that coverage be in the form of a minimum of eight (8) hours per day for the first year of the agreement; sixteen (16) hours of coverage per day the second year (starting April 2017) and the final year (starting April 2018) requires twenty-four (24) hours of coverage per day. ALS shifts have been covered utilizing Per-Diem Paramedics in addition to on-call coverage provided by Paramedics who reside in town. When coverage could not be provided by a department member, a letter of primary coverage was required by a mutual aid ALS service provider in order to comply with the license requirements. In 2016, Templeton

Fire-EMS personnel responded to 665 EMS incidents in addition to 294 fire and rescue calls. Of the total number of calls, ALS provided services accounted for 45% of the EMS incidents.

#### Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

Each year the SCBA packs must be tested as required by the manufacturer and NFPA for the proper flow and operation of each component of the SCBA. This includes the measurement of airflow at selected breathing rates and also the audible measurement of the low-pressure alarm. In addition to these tests, each individual within the Department must be fit tested to ensure they have a properly fitting face piece. Each tank has a life expectancy of 10 years; we need to replace 56 of these before March of 2019. The town replaced 20 at the beginning of 2017 fiscal year, leaving 36. If we purchase 18 for the next two years, starting in 2017 all tanks will be replaced and good for another 10 years, with a required static test at the 5-year date of the tank.

#### Fire Fighter Structure Gear:

Approximately 8 years ago, the dept. purchased all new structural fire fighter gear on a federal grant; this equipment is now coming up on its 10-year replacement date. Over the eight years of service some of this gear has been replaced because of damage, and normal wear. New gear was purchased at a rate of 2 or 3 sets a year. Starting this year, we request a budget item for 5 sets of gear and hope to continue this trend in the years to come.

#### Fire Apparatus:

Repairs and maintenance costs continue to rise due to the age of the fire apparatus fleet. The 2007 ladder truck needed a pump over haul at the cost of \$23,000.00. Engine~1 is a 2000; Engine~2 a 1999(purchased with donations by local businesses to replace a 1980), Engine~3 a 1987, Tanker~1 a 1989, Ambulance~1 a 2014, Ambulance~2 a 2007. Command car is a 2007. In the coming years, we will be looking to replace, Ambulance~2 and Engine~3.

As we enter this next fiscal year, we remain committed to delivering quality EMS and fire protection and to finding ways to expand our services and remain fiscally sound by enhancing revenues and containing costs. Each day, the men and women of Templeton Fire-EMS, work to deliver the very highest caliber of service to our residents, business owners, visitors, and mutual aid partners. It is our goal to provide professional, compassionate, and respectful services to all in need. The personnel of TFD remain committed to not only serving the community on a professional basis, but also through their volunteer efforts. Your Firefighters and EMTs volunteered on a number of different community based projects. It is my distinct honor to be your fire chief and to lead the men and women of Templeton Fire Department. Together, we hope that you find the information in this year's report informative and insightful. I remain committed to leading this Department in a professional, proactive, and innovative manner.

Acting Fire Chief

Denis J. Hamel

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### Road Repairs:

- Improvements to Crotty Road, resurfacing and roadside completed.
- Boynton Street was widened and pitched for drainage improvement
- Hubbardston road was approved for resurfacing in the FY17
- Continued engineering on Royalston road is being engineered for improvements in the future.

### Equipment:

- A V-plow was purchased for use on the Trackless for sidewalk plowing.

### Fall Clean – Up/ Other projects –

- Catch basins cleaning in the Spring and in the fall, is ongoing.
- Road side maintenance to eliminate brush and saplings from continued growth into the roads.
- Tree work around town to remove dead trees and limbs as well as cutting trees on Town property.
- Refreshed paint on all crosswalks prior to the opening of schools.
- Re-enforced the Salt shed.

### SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT Beginning Balance \$125,000.00

Salt/Sand	Chains/Plows/Blades	Fuel	Repairs	Payroll	Overtime	Double Time	Spent	Balance
65611.32	20400.01	4223.40	5795.28	0	26710.45	0	122740.46	2259.54

This was a milder winter and we could save in some areas where as a harsh winter would put us in a deficit.

### Spring Clean-up –

- Filled new potholes that developed over the winter months.
- Installed Purple Heart signs for Veterans affairs @ incoming locations of Town.
- Installed Veteran Parking signs @ town hall and the Senior center.
- Removed numerous trees and limbs throughout town, maintained road side brush.
- The Elgin street sweeper and the trackless paired up to remove sand from the road ways in early Spring.

Machinery Maintenance –

Account Title	Budgeted Amount	Expended	Transferred In/Out	Sewer Dept. Reimbursement	Balance
Machinery Maintenance Salary	46395.00	44629.20		N/A	1765.80
Machinery Maintenance Expense	90,000.00	76250.32	N/A	N/A	13749.68
Town Vehicle Fuel	58800.00	53505.51		5359.24	9407.25

Account Title	Budgeted Amount	Expended	Transferred In/Out STM	Reimbursements	Balance
Highway Supt. Salary	66389.00	63740.16			2648.840
Highway Salaries	243683.00	232800.56			10882.44
Highway Expenses	81,000.00	80,905.86			94.14
Unknown Overtime Allowance	2500.	0.00			2500.



Monies Collected and turned over to the Town:

Driveway Permits	19 @ \$75.00 each =	\$ 1,425.00
Road Access	2 @ \$1600.00 each =	\$ 3,200.00
Narragansett Regional School District		\$ 25,000.00
(For plowing and sanding school parking lot)		
Accident Damage return		\$ 331.57
Total:		\$ 29,956.57

Respectfully submitted,

Francis “Bud” Chase

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Templeton Historical Commission meets bi-monthly or as needed. The 2016 calendar year results are as follows:

In March, a letter of support was sent to Alan Mayo regarding the efforts of the Templeton Cemetery and parks Department to secure a grant funding through the Massachusetts Historical Commission to maintain and repair the granite cemetery vaults located within the “First Church” burial grounds on the The Common at the intersection of Rt. 2A (Patriots Road, Wellington Road and Dudley Road in the precinct of Templeton Center).

Our April meeting was at the Baldwinville Elementary School where we met with the principal and members of SMMA Architecture to identify anything of historical significance that should be preserved. We also traveled to Templeton Center School and did the same.

At our September meeting, member Alan Mayo reported that he was looking into a possible granite curbing for the Templeton Historic District.

Plans are being investigated to have a Civil War plaque made to put on the large boulder on Templeton Common.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Brooks

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Templeton Housing Authority was established at a town meeting in 1976. The Commonwealth of MA issued the charter for the Authority in 1976. It is a separate corporation from the Town of Templeton. Each Massachusetts Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners. In all cities and towns, Three (3) members are elected by voters of the municipality, one (1) member is appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of MA and new regulations has a tenant member appointed. The Board of Commissioners conducts business, oversee the budget and establish procedures and policies in conjunction with the MA Department of Housing and Community Development. Board Members: Joyce Grucan, Chairperson, Steven Bailey, Vice-Chair, Carol Caisse, Secretary/resident, Ida Beane, Treasurer, and State-appt. waiting to be appt.

The 5-member Board of Commissioners Regular meetings are normally held at 4:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Community Building at Phoenix Court. All meetings are posted at least 48 hours in advance on the town web site. The Templeton Housing Authority manages and provides affordable safe rental housing for sixty (60) units of public housing: 8 units of Family Housing at the Tucker Building on 733 Baldwinville Road and 52 units for the Elderly/Handicapped on 99 Bridge Street. Eligibility requirements for this state-aided public housing program are applicants must be a resident of the United States and meet qualifications regarding income guidelines, age, and disability, set by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Handicapped applicants must meet the state regulatory definition of handicapped persons. The Templeton Housing gives preference to applicants who reside or are employed in the Town of Templeton. Veterans that qualify also are given preference as well as affirmative action applicants. Requests for applications for housing may be obtained by phone (978-939-2374) by mail or by via internet at [www.mass.gov/dhcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcd) for universal applications. Rents are based on 30% of net income. The Templeton Housing Authority is funded solely by rent payments and by subsidy received from the Commonwealth of MA to cover daily operations, renovations and payroll. The Authority pays the Town of Templeton in lieu of property taxes, and water & sewage fees at customary rates. Capital Planning Grants from the Commonwealth of MA are used to fund major repairs and modernization of our property. The Authority employs a part-time Executive Director, full time Maintenance Director, and part time administrative assistant and seasonal maintenance.

The Housing Authority maintains a Waiting List for each development. Seventy (70) applicants applied for housing during the calendar year. Eleven (11) new households signed leases for occupancy in THA owned property. Modernization and Capital Planning Projects completed at Phoenix Court during the fiscal year included, floor tile replacement, bath tub surrounds, new closet by-pass doors, new stove hoods and outside building sections siding replacement. All stairwells were upgraded with new stair treads and tile flooring. The Tucker Building had 2 units upgrade window replacement. Additional sustainability energy grant has been received for installation in 16 units for air Source Heat Pumps to replace electric heating in the units in 2017. The Templeton Council of Aging also provides transportation from Phoenix Court to appointments and errands in the surrounding area. Montachusett Home Care provides a resident coordinator for senior health care issues. The Templeton Housing Authority is grateful for the agency's services to residents.

Respectfully submitted by Louse Chaffee, Executive Director, THA

# **MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

2015-2016 was an exceptional year at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. We celebrated “50 years of Excellence in Education,” and through a thoughtful and reflective marketing campaign, we were able to honor the school’s history and highlight the successes of our proud alumni and notable achievements of our current students. We launched a robust technology initiative, providing all teachers with technology and training in preparation for a whole-school Chromebook rollout in FY17. Talented students, faculty and staff earned countless awards and recognitions, making our district so very proud. And finally, the school began efforts to bring our 21<sup>st</sup> career and technical education program to the school – Veterinary Science.

This work would not be possible without the contributions of the many talented educators and administrators here at Monty Tech – a team I am honored to lead in my role as Superintendent-Director. I am delighted to present the District’s 2015-2016 annual report to you, providing a snapshot of the wonderful experiences happening on a day-to-day basis here at Monty Tech, highlighting some of the year’s most notable achievements, including:

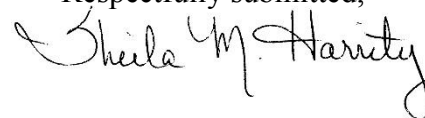
- Efforts to bring the school’s 21<sup>st</sup> vocational-technical program are well underway. After a careful review of workforce projections and student interest surveys, school administrators have begun the process to bring a Chapter 74 Animal Science program to the district, which will be open to students Fall 2017. This exciting STEM program will be housed in a state-of-the-art facility that boasts a classroom, science lab, grooming salon, and full-service veterinary clinic. In an unprecedented fundraising campaign, school administrators have raised an impressive \$1,975,461 in donations and in-kind matching services to support this project. With an overall cost of \$2,250,000, construction of the Monty Tech Veterinary Science Training Center and Community Clinic is in progress, providing tremendous hands-on learning opportunities to students in our Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Cabinetmaking, HVAC, Masonry, and Welding trades.
- A unique partnership with Workers’ Credit Union has resulted in a full-service branch located on the school’s campus, and increased opportunities for students to develop authentic financial literacy skills while still in high school. Students studying in the school’s Business Technology program are being trained as bank tellers, preparing them for entry-level jobs in banking institutions across North Central Massachusetts, and financial literacy workshops are being integrated into the curriculum each year.
- Senior students in the school’s very popular Health Occupations program participated in the first year of an exciting new partnership between Monty Tech and Mount Wachusett Community College. This innovative high school-to-college collaboration, which embeds a comprehensive, college-level Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program into the senior year of study has resulted in a number of students earning EMT credentials, providing additional career pathways in the medical field for these talented program graduates.

- Students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement. In the spring of 2016, Monty Tech's passing rate on the MCAS English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 99%, and Biology 99%.

We are so proud of the educational programs offered here at Monty Tech, yet we continually strive to improve upon them. Collaborating with area colleges and universities, we are ensuring our curriculum and instruction are rigorous and relevant. Sharing best practices with vocational-technical colleagues from across the state – and nation – we give and take some of the best ideas, with one thing in mind – what is best for our students. And what is best, I believe, is preparing students for both college and career.

We hope you will find this report a comprehensive review of the quality education you have come to know and expect from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. You may notice that each of the eighteen member cities and towns are reflected in this report, and that students performed services in almost every community last year. Providing our students with an opportunity to give back to the communities that support them – and support our school – is a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,




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Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D.

Superintendent-Director

### *Our Mission*

Every student will graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be<sup>[[SEP]]</sup> a productive and effective member of an ever-changing society.

### *Our District*

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of:

Ashburnham  
Ashby  
Athol  
Barre  
Fitchburg  
Gardner

Harvard  
Holden  
Hubbardston  
Lunenburg  
Petersham  
Phillipston

Princeton  
Royalston  
Sterling  
Templeton  
Westminster  
Winchendon

### Leadership

The leadership team at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is comprised of ten talented administrators whose varied educational backgrounds, professional experiences, and areas of expertise contribute to the success of the school. Working collaboratively, and under the direction of the Superintendent and Principal, the team has been able to transform the school into one of the most sought-after high schools in North Central Massachusetts.

*Sheila m. Harrity, superintendent-director*  
*Tom Browne, principal*  
*Dayana Carlson, assistant principal*  
*Tammy Crockett, business manager*  
*Pamela Pothier, director of technology*  
*Christina Favreau, director of academic programs*

*Jim Hachey, director of vocational programs*  
*Michael Gormley, director of facilities*  
*Katy Whitaker, development coordinator*  
*Victoria Zzarozinski, director of student support service*

### Enrollment

On June 1, 2016, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,415 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (56), Ashby (32), Athol (85), Barre (37), Fitchburg (362), Gardner (143), Harvard (4), Holden (60), Hubbardston (70), Lunenburg (86), Petersham (3), Phillipston (19), Princeton (22), Royalston (18), Sterling (63), Templeton (103), Westminster (77), and Winchendon (150). The remaining 25 students were from out-of-district towns, including Ayer, Clinton, Dudley, Groton, Leominster, Orange, and Worcester.

Throughout 2015-2016, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2015, approximately 700 district eighth graders participated in the annual “Tour Day” event. Students toured our twenty vocational-technical areas and learned about the school’s challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members to further explore the facilities and talk with staff members.

Each year, the Dean of Admissions conducts school visits, student interviews, and accepts applications for admissions. 2015-2016 proved to be an exceptionally busy year for her, as the school received 631 applications for admission. Of those, 575 were from students hoping to enter our incoming freshman class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. Because there are only a limited number of students the school can accept each year, 338 freshmen and 3 upperclassmen were admitted.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational/technical areas. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2015-2016 school year, serving approximately 600 area students.

### *Class of 2016 Awards*

Members of the Class of 2016 were awarded approximately \$58,000 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$46,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$200 to \$2,000. The Foundation also awarded \$4,000 to the Practical Nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Approximately 61% of the graduating class of 2016 reported plans to enroll at either a 2-year college, a 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade school upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will benefit by saving both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

### *Financial Report*

In an effort to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016, a great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration, and staff. The final fiscal year 2015-2016 Educational Plan totaled \$26,229,366, which represents a 2.3% increase over the 2014-2015 Educational Plan. The District's FY16 budget only exceeds the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70 by \$25,000 or .1%.

The District was audited in October 2016 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and a very good report is anticipated.

### *Grants and Contracts*

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds help provide many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2016, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$918,426. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, and Marine Corp Junior Reserve Officer Training. The District also received a competitive grant for \$136,412 to purchase equipment for the anticipated new Veterinary Science Program. Using these allocation and competitive funds, the school was able to purchase a variety of instructional technology, equipment, and supplies to enhance the learning experience across both academic and vocational programs.

### *Academic Achievement*

In 2015-2016, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Biology. For Spring 2016, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts was 100%, Mathematics 99%, Biology 99%.

English Language Arts	2014	2015	2016
Students Tested	364	374	349
Passing	100%	100%	100%
Advanced/Proficient	95%	96%	97%
Needs Improvement	5%	4%	3%
Failing	0%	0%	0%

Mathematics	2014	2015	2016
Students Tested	366	375	348
Passing	98%	98%	99%
Advanced/Proficient	84%	87%	82%
Needs Improvement	14%	11%	17%
Failing	2%	2%	1%

Biology	2014	2015	2016
Students Tested	351	347	345
Passing	99%	98%	99%
Advanced/Proficient	74%	77%	78%
Needs Improvement	25%	21%	21%
Failing	1%	2%	1%

The District continues to make progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps. Students in all subgroups have met their progress and performance targets, securing the school's Level 1 Status distinction.

### *Vocational Projects in the District Communities*

Unlike students in traditional, comprehensive high schools, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their education into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty different vocational-technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services.

The 2015-2016 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body Collision Repair Technology: The Monty Tech Auto Body program is led by a strong instructional team, always eager to enhance the program to benefit the students. This year instructor Michael Forhan revised the Freshman curriculum to expand the detailing component, which has been met with great enthusiasm from students and clients alike. Freshmen and Sophomores continue to

earn industry recognized credentials, including the I-CAR Pro level one certification in refinishing and non-structural damage. This certification not only makes our program graduates more employable, it enables students to maintain the I-CAR gold class certification. Throughout the year, students detailed, repaired, and repainted vehicles, fulfilling more than seventy requests that included: an SUV police vehicle car for the Town of Winchendon, a wooden statue of Johnny Appleseed, and the antique playground fire truck for the Westminster Lions Club. All Freshmen achieved 10-Hour CareerSafe online certification for General Safety, two Juniors earned co-operative education placements, demonstrating their technical skills in the workplace, and all Senior students received an Environmental Protection Agency certificate. (Total enrollment: 62; 35 males, 27 females)

Automotive Technology: As in past years, the Automotive Technology program continues to service a variety of vehicles for faculty, staff, municipalities, and district residents. 2015-2016 proved to be a very busy year for the program, as more than four hundred vehicles were serviced by talented students and instructors. In addition to maintaining the school's fleet of vehicles throughout the year, students were asked to repair a Salvation Army disaster relief vehicle, and it was a pleasure to give back to this deserving organization. Students performed very well in the SkillsUSA state competitions, placing third, fourth, and fifth, with hopes to improve in the coming year. A total of five students participated in the Co-Op Program, applying their technical skills in real work settings. Finally, instructors are proud to announce three talented program graduates are working in shops in the area, demonstrating the skills they acquired at Monty Tech. (Total enrollment: 62; 50 males, 12 females)

Business Technology: Students in Monty Tech's Business technology program are seeing tremendous benefits to the new partnership with Workers' Credit Union. The opportunity to participate in teller training and financial literacy workshops has been met with great enthusiasm from our students, and the instructors continue to be grateful for this developing partnership. Four students were offered co-op placements with WCU during the 2015-2016 school year as bank tellers, and the two Seniors were offered employment upon graduation. Monty Tech Business Technology instructors, in collaboration with their post-secondary colleagues, have developed two articulation agreements, with Mount Wachusett Community College and New England Institute of Technology, which will provide qualified students with college credits at no cost to the student. Opportunities to demonstrate customer service, cash handling, and accounting skills are ever-present as the Business technology students successfully operate an in-house retail location and greenhouse. The program's instructional technology was updated to allow students to test on the most up-to-date version of Microsoft for their certifications. (Total enrollment: 72; 16 males, 56 females)

Cabinetmaking: Throughout 2015-2016, instructors and students completed a number of high profile projects that demonstrate the true talents and craftsmanship developed in this very popular program. Some of the more notable projects completed by students include: building the base for the Johnny Appleseed statue and delivering it to the terminal at Logan Airport for display; building and installing kitchen cabinetry for the Gardner Council on Aging; building kitchens and vanities for the school's house-building projects; building a storage cabinet for SkillsUSA; designing, building and installing a kitchenette for the Main Office; constructing cell phone cases for shops, as well as an office table, a display case and a brochure holder for the School of Continuing Education. Students and instructors also completed more than sixty additional projects throughout the school and surrounding communities. In an effort to increase access to our primary software program, Alphacam, the school added more licenses to our program, which has proven to be a tremendous benefit. A total of eleven students (three Juniors and eight Seniors) were placed in co-operative educational settings, where



they could build upon the strong technical foundation they have attained at Monty Tech. (Total enrollment: 73; 50 males, 23 females)

Cosmetology: Monty Tech is pleased to introduce Emily Bedard, a talented new instructor in the school's popular Cosmetology program, who brings tremendous industry experience and expertise in the trade. 2015-2016 also brought added instructional initiatives, including the addition of the Hairmax computer system, which was updated and installed in all related classrooms so that students are now able to work and learn using this system. With a significant increase in the number of clients served this year, the program also generated an additional \$1,000, which will be used to fund the much-needed consumable products. In an effort to support the school's commitment to community service, the Cosmetology Juniors traveled to Heywood Wakefield Assisted Living Center to do manicures for the residents there, while the Sophomore students offered services on the local front, during a successful staff appreciation day. Finally, it is with great pride that the Cosmetology instructors announce that 100% of the Senior students passed the Cosmetology State Boards, earning licenses to practice. (Total enrollment: 89, 1 males, 88 females)

Culinary Arts: Monty Tech Culinary Arts students and instructors are always busy with the daily operation of the Mountain Room Restaurant, which is open for lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday. In addition to operating a full-service restaurant and bakery, serving 90-120 patrons daily, culinary students showcase their talents throughout the year, providing outstanding service at events that include the following: two Program Advisory Committee dinner meetings, four Monty Tech Foundation breakfasts, Monty Tech's Retirees holiday luncheon, a graduation reception, the Women in Technology event, Principal and Counselors Day, the Monty Tech homecoming dance, MAVA meetings and all School Committee meetings and sub-committee meetings. Community service opportunities for students are always a highlight, and this year our students prepared meals for the United Way's "Day of Caring" event, Our Fathers House, and NEADS events. Students also participated in the Montachusett Opportunity Council's "Taste of North Central" fundraiser. The program's greatest undertaking this year was the Annual Superintendent's Dinner fundraising event. Students worked side-by-side with some of the area's finest chefs, preparing a six-course dinner with extensive hors d'oeuvres for 380 guests. (Total enrollment: 96; 34 males, 62 females)

Dental Assisting: During 2015-2016, the Dental Assisting program introduced nineteen students to industry experience through externships, while ten students participated in affiliation, and one student earned a co-operative educational placement, working with an area dentist. All Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students attended the Yankee Dental Convention in Boston, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. While the national pass rate for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Infection Control Exam was 86% in FY15, the Monty Tech students far surpassed that rate with a 100% passing rate on the Infection Control exam. For the sixth consecutive year, Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program, whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Through this initiative, more than thirty students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. (Total enrollment: 58; 5 males, 53 females)

Drafting: The 2015-2016 school year was a busy one for Drafting Technology students and instructors. A total of six students (one Junior and five Seniors) participated in the school's Co-Op Program, and four students advanced to the SkillsUSA state competitions. Instructors are pleased to

report that a majority of the graduating seniors intend to pursue careers in the field of drafting. Like most programs in the school, the Drafting Technology program participates in a number of projects in and around the school. This year, Drafting students designed the preliminary architecture of the new Veterinary Science Training Center, completed plans for the plumbing program's storage shed, drew a layout of Riverside Cemetery in Winchendon, designed a new building sign for St. Bernard's in Fitchburg, designed and printed hundreds of signs and banners for various community organizations, planned and decorated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-themed Superintendent's Dinner, and created and installed signage throughout the building for the 2016 graduation, College Fair, School of Continuing Education, sports and drama clubs. (Total enrollment: 57; 36 males, 21 females)

Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education program received 3 new Baby Care Parent Simulation dolls, each with car seat detections and temperature detectors. This added technology will assist instructors as they enhance lessons in infant and toddler safety. Several seniors and both instructors attended the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference. Students were delighted to support community service efforts, raising funds to support Lucy's Love Bus, an agency that provided grants for children with cancer that are not covered by health insurance. Students showered the Department of Children & Families with gifts and much needed supplies for foster families with emergency foster placements, raised funds for various causes including SkillsUSA Change for Children, adopted a Christmas Angel for a needy child from the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, and contributed to the National Honor Society food and supplies drive. Instructors are proud to report that all graduates are pursuing careers and higher education related to the program - one is currently working in the field and the rest are enrolled in area colleges and universities in majors directly related to the field. (Total enrollment: 63; 1 male, 62 females)

Electrical: The Electrical program continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. In 2015-2016, more than fifty work orders were completed throughout the building. The wiring of various equipment included: a new media blaster in welding, a television in cosmetology, replacing the fixture in the elevator, re-wiring the HVAC shop, wiring the new air conditioner in the Technology Department, and adding receptacles in the science room for new labs. In addition to wiring equipment, Electrical students performed numerous repairs of lights, outlets, computers, sensors, CATV jacks, and new data drops for computers. In addition to participating in the house building project in Ashburnham, upperclassmen students rewired a guard shack at the Westminster Crocker Pond, and the electrical shop motor lab was remodeled to incorporate twenty-four booths. Fifteen students earned co-op positions, and instructors are proud to announce that 60% of the graduating class entered electrical apprenticeships. (Total enrollment: 83; 69 males, 14 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering Technology program continues to further enhance the curriculum and instruction by improving upon the four Project Lead the Way course modules, and adding more Computer Integrated Manufacturing content into the already rigorous vocational-technical curriculum. Field Programmable Gate Array mini systems were purchased and integrated into the Digital Electronics curriculum. Engineering students performed well in SkillsUSA competitions, earning a number of top awards. At SkillsUSA at Districts, Monty Tech Engineering students received two gold, four silver, and four bronze medals. At SkillsUSA States, students earned two gold and one silver medal, and finally two top students traveled to Louisville, KY to compete at the National level in Mechatronics. The Freshman Exploratory Program yielded positive results for the program, with eleven first choice freshmen. The majority of the graduating class will continue their education in the engineering field. (Total enrollment: 48; 38 males, 10 females)

Graphic Communications: The Monty Tech Graphic Communications program is pleased to report that all graduating Seniors were accepted to area colleges and universities. The program benefited from twenty-four new iMac Computers with Adobe CC software, and our lab was renovated to accommodate this wonderful new technology. Throughout the 2015-2016 school year, the shop continued to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. This year, over three hundred print projects were completed, saving local organizations approximately \$145,000. Twenty-two freshmen chose Graphic Communications as their top program, and two additional students joined our program, resulting in a freshman class of 24 students. The future looks bright for the Monty Tech Graphic Communications program. Three students earned co-op placements. Our students continue to perform well in related SkillsUSA competitions, and earned four medals at the District event - one silver and one gold in Advertising and Design, one gold in Screenprinting, and one bronze medal in Digital Cinema Production. (Total enrollment: 90; 37 males, 53 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to educate a large number of students, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. 2015-2016 was an exciting year for the program, as a new partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College enabled Senior students to participate in an Emergency Medical Technician training program, earning eight college credits at no cost. The program is dedicated to providing all students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials, and as a result, students also earn the following credentials: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour certification; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Certificate through the American Heart Association; and Certified Nursing Assistant License through the American Red Cross. This year, 94% of the Senior students passed the National Healthcare Association (CCMA) exam. To support the students' desire to give back, a "Baby Shower" benefitting Battered Women's Resources, Inc. was held, students participated in Pediatric Day with the Early Childhood Education program and also raised \$700 for Special Olympics. (Total enrollment: 106; 10 males, 96 females)

House Carpentry: Most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program is done off-campus, completing renovations, buildings, and repair work for member communities. Some of the projects completed during the 2015-2016 school year include: building a two-story colonial home in Ashburnham for Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc. (MEC), building two decks for a Habitat for Humanity house project in Fitchburg, building a shed for the Monty Tech football team, building a storage shed for Thomas Prince School in Princeton, and building a hip roof for the Lunenburg Cemetery Commission mausoleum. Lally columns were installed in two separate buildings for the Winchendon Housing Authority, and three "Buddy Benches" were built and installed at the Crocker School in Fitchburg. Tent platforms for Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in Rutland, curved picnic tables and benches for the Town of Hubbardston, ten bluebird houses for Ashby senior citizens, a small library for Baker's Grove Association in Westminster, picnic tables for Gardner Municipal Golf course, and numerous Adirondack chairs for non-profit organizations throughout the district were also built by the talented Carpentry students at Monty Tech. (Total enrollment: 68; 50 males, 18 females)

HVAC & Property Maintenance: The 2015-2016 school year was the first full year for the newly enhanced HVAC & Property Maintenance program, which is now aligned to the state frameworks more accurately. The program's new name and added curriculum is expected to present our students with additional career pathways and opportunities to participate in a co-operative work environment. Employers are discovering that we have more to offer, and students are finding themselves with more

employable skill sets. As the shop continues its enhancements to the HVAC portion of our program, we are now fully involved with six student work modules, as well as a full-size commercial air chiller unit. New tooling to accommodate these changes includes the acquisition of six new lockable storage cabinet workbench workstations. These stations are outfitted with the necessary tooling used in the refrigeration trade, complete with test meters and manifold gauge sets. Nine Seniors and six Juniors participated in the very popular co-operative education program. (Total enrollment: 64; 56 males, 8 females)

Information Technology: As with any school, Information Technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the program, students and instructors performed in excess of 400 hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members. Some of our students compete in the Cyber Patriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association. A team of eight students participated in the Fitchburg State University Programming Competition, placing 13<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> out of 32 teams. Three Seniors were out on Co-op, and all Freshmen completed their Career Safe 10-Hour General Safety Certification. One Senior and one Junior developed websites for non-profit organizations - Gardner AARP and Monty Tech's Greenhouse. Our students performed very well in District and State SkillsUSA competitions. In the District competition, two Seniors were awarded gold medals in the 3D visualization & animation competition, two Juniors earned the gold in the Information Technology Services competition, and two sophomores brought home gold and silver medals in Internetworking. At the state level, two talented Juniors earned Silver medals in Internetworking. (Total enrollment: 63; 58 males, 5 females)

Machine Technology: The Monty Tech Machine Technology Program continues to prepare students to achieve Level 1 and Level 2 MACWIC (Manufacturing Advancement Center for Workforce Innovation Collaborative) certification. Through a beneficial relationship with the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, our instructors have access to high quality curriculum developed at WPI. Articulation agreements with Mount Wachusett Community College and Quinsigamond Community College were developed, which will save students time and money as they continue their education in the machining and manufacturing trades. Students completed a number of projects, including: engraving four hundred mirror frames, creating chocolate molds for the Superintendent's Dinner gifts, engraving gifts for the Class of 1996 reunion, engraving a time capsule plaque for the Town of Ashburnham, and refurbishing the hallowed Thanksgiving Day trophy for Narragansett Regional High School and Murdock Middle High School. (Total enrollment: 58; 57 males, 1 female)

Masonry: Students and instructors in Monty Tech's busy Masonry program continued to focus on a number of community projects including: installing brick steps and tiles for the Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc. (MEC) house project in Ashburnham, installing a walkway for the Town of Hubbardston, construction of a mausoleum for the Lunenburg Cemetery Commission, installing a block wall for Turkey Middle School in Lunenburg, and repointing brick and block windows for Town of Templeton Water Department. In Winchendon, our students replaced walkways at the Clark Memorial YMCA, repaired block walls for the Housing Authority, and started the Veteran's cemetery walkway. When the students weren't busy in our district communities, they were preparing for and competing in the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTTA) competition, where they earned top recognitions and awards. Instructors are proud to report that twelve Freshmen students selected

Masonry as their top choice for placement, and look forward to teaching and mentoring this next generation of talented Masons. (Total enrollment: 66; 52 males, 14 females)

Plumbing: The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like other trades throughout the school, is committed to community service. As a result, students and instructors completed projects for a single-family home in Ashburnham for Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc. (MEC). Students were introduced to high-efficiency condensing and LP gas heating systems during this project, and successfully installed the gas piping for the home. In addition, the students returned to the Bresnahan Scout Center in Ashburnham to finish plumbing installations. On campus, students fixed leaks, cleaned drains, replaced a hot water heater, worked on water coolers, and repaired and maintained the plumbing system. A Senior student was named Vocational Tech All-Star from the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts, receiving tools and a scholarship for continuing his education in the plumbing licensure program. Another Senior student won the Central Mass Plumbing & Gas Fitting Inspectors Association scholarship. Nine seniors and three juniors participated in the co-operative education program, gaining valuable work experience. Local plumbing companies have hired several graduates as plumbing apprentices. (Total enrollment: 75; 72 males, 3 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The 2015-2016 school year brought the welcome addition of a third instructor to the Monty Tech Welding/Metal Fabrication program. A number of projects were successfully completed on the Monty Tech campus, and more than eighty projects benefiting the eighteen cities and towns in the Monty Tech district were completed by our talented students. Perhaps the most notable accomplishment is the installation of a twenty-one ft., multi-section statue for the Fitchburg Art Museum, which is the focal point to their main entrance. Students also repaired railings for Lunenburg Middle School, and a light post, railings, and a mailbox for Sterling Municipal Light Department. They also fabricated and welded a time capsule for Mountview Middle School in Holden, and fabricated and welded stainless steel counter tops for Gardner Council on Aging. A new curriculum was implemented, bringing lessons in pipe welding to Senior students and CAD design with the Torch-Mate CNC plasma table to Junior students. Instructors are proud to report that six Seniors participated in the co-operative education program, demonstrating their strong technical skills, and five of those students continued their work with their employers post-graduation. (Total enrollment: 62; 48 males, 14 females)

### *Student Support Services*

During the 2015-2016 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to approximately three hundred and fifteen students – measuring progress of over two hundred students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and just under one hundred students adhering to individualized Section 504 plans. While the Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

The department includes a full-time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state-mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the special education team for a student's IEP meeting. The department benefits from a full-time school social worker who participates in departmental meetings and assists students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues, and proper food and clothing. The school is also fortunate to have on staff a full-time psychologist, whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we

have a full-time speech language pathologist, who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers. Our students also have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and part-time school psychologist. All of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions and mental health emergency treatment, as well as crisis intervention.

The school's Director of Student Support Services oversees the District's Special Education Program, which is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The comprehensive review and evaluation are done in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, and the results of the evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs in place at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

### Technology

In 2015-2016, the Monty Tech Technology Department completed a three-year technology plan and review, in preparation for a whole-school Chromebook roll-out in FY17. Training efforts continued throughout the year, to ensure teacher capacity in the Google for Education platform

A sophisticated Liebert air conditioning system was installed in the Main Distribution Facility (MDF) to maintain constant temperature and humidity supporting the growing demands of the MDF.

Three Chromebook mobile labs were added to the fleet of mobile computer labs that circulate among classrooms providing the students with modern technology. A self-service LobbyGuard kiosk system was implemented that manages visitors to the building and increases school safety measures. The cafeteria received an upgrade to their POS system, utilizing advanced technology in school nutrition and meal planning. Candidates for free and reduced lunch may now complete an application online, managing payments and fees using this new online system. Finally, in preparation of the anticipated 2016-2017 Chromebook roll-out, the technology staff was reorganized. Duties were reallocated among staff and leadership, transitioning to a more efficient department. New systems and policies are continually being researched to support this initiative.

### SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Through our association with SkillsUSA, our students develop job skills, leadership and professional skills, as well as provide community service. The 2015-2016 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of SkillsUSA. The students met the challenges of districts, performed well at states and prepared for the National Conference. They also conducted several community service projects and raised money for various deserving charities. Serving as co-advisors were Kelsey Moskiwitz, English Instructor, Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Education Instructor, and Brad Pelletier, Special Education Instructor. Highlights of the year include:

- In September 2015, forty-one students applied and were accepted to form the Monty Tech SkillsUSA Leadership Team. After two leadership training sessions, seven officers were elected.
- In November 2015, sixteen students, consisting of chapter officers and Leadership Team members attended the Annual Fall State Leadership Conference, where they participated in workshops and leadership exercises and performed community service at an area YMCA Day Camp.

- The SkillsUSA local competitions took place November 2015, and on December 18<sup>th</sup>, the students learned who would advance to the next round of competition.
- A total of forty-seven medals were captured at the District Competition held in March 2016 at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School: fourteen gold, sixteen silver and seventeen bronze medals. Outstanding student Grace Kirrane qualified to run for the State Executive Council, as well.
- Olivia Houle, a junior in the Welding program, was selected to serve on the State Advisory Committee to help aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- Thirty-four district medalists and qualifiers, nine local leadership and occupational related event contestants, one state officer candidate and nineteen voting delegates for a total of sixty-three students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held in April 2016 at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School. There, seven students were awarded gold medals, and earned the right to compete at the very competitive National Leadership & Skills Conference held in late June.
- Nine students and six instructors attended the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Louisville, KY in June 2016. There, Taylor Sadowski, a graduate from the Health Occupations program, earned a silver medal in the Medical Assisting contest.
- In August 2016, Grace Kirrane attended the SkillsUSA Massachusetts state leadership training where she was elected to serve as the SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Vice President.

### *Marine Corps JROTC*

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) had a sensational school year. All program objectives for the 2015-2016 school year were achieved, most notable was the JROTC Cyber Security Team, led by First Sergeant Paul Jornet and Information Technology Instructor Richard Duncan, once again capturing national recognition by placing fourth overall in the Air Force Association's National Cyber Security Competition held in Baltimore, MD.

The 2015-2016 Corps of Cadets completed over eighty-eight hundred hours of community service throughout the district. The corps conducted a major canned food drive, worked side-by-side with the Marine Corps Reserve in a national Toys 4 Tots campaign, and spent five weekends working with the local Salvation Army helping to raise over \$25,000 for needy families. The cadets conducted their annual 10 mile "March-A-Thon" to support NEADS (National Education of Assistance Dogs Services) from Princeton, MA, raising \$20,000 for their Service Dogs for Veterans program.

Seventy Monty Tech cadets attended a leadership camp at Prince William Forest, in Quantico VA. The camp provided cadets with individual and team development opportunities, as well as the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and many other historical sites.

During the summer of 2016, our Cadet Cyber Team was again asked to support a Cyber STEM camp for the National Marine Corps JROTC program. The Cyber Team coordinated the 8-day camp that focused on defending cyber networks from attacks. The camp also offered an introduction to robotics programming using the VEX Robotics System. The camp was attended by 200 students, representing twenty-two states.

The Monty Tech JROTC program once again was awarded the designation of Marine Corps Honor School by the Commanding General Marine Corps Training & Education Command. Only ten percent of Marine Corps JROTC programs nationwide receive this recognition. The selection was based on several criteria, including cadet citizenship, the percentage of cadets involved in student government organizations, the number of cadets active in school activities and clubs, the number of community service hours for the unit as a whole and per cadet, the number of organizations assisted by the unit, and scholastic achievements including the number of academic awards and scholarships given to cadets. The units were also measured by participation in public affairs events, drill team competitions, rifle team competitions, physical fitness team competitions, and field trips.

Because of this prestigious status, Monty Tech's Senior Marine Instructor has the authority to make nomination recommendations to the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Military Academy at West Point under the Honor School Category.

### *Women in Technology*

Monty Tech is one of the original members of the North Central Massachusetts Women In Technology Program, and the 2015-2016 school year marked the school's 14<sup>th</sup> year in this innovative school-to-business partnership. The highly successful collaborative program continues to grow with membership comprised of students from six area high schools. Its mission is to encourage female students to explore well-paying careers in the fields of business and technology. Participants spend two days a month, working on real-world work projects under the mentorship of company managers at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products in Westminster, subsidiaries of Tyco International, a Fortune 500 company.

The program has been so successful in its mission of providing a proven pathway to corporate America, that it was recently recognized as one of the region's premier experience-based educational programs of its kind. Affiliation with the program, and skills acquired through participation, open doors to career opportunities not otherwise available to high school students. Graduates of the program are also equipped with a foundation to better meet the challenges of an ever-changing and demanding work force.

Each year, graduates of the program go on to rewarding and well-paying careers, made possible by this unique experience.

### *Student Athletics*

The Monty Tech athletic program continues to expand in scope and skill each year. This past year we set a new high for the number of student/athlete participants, with forty-five teams and more than six hundred participants. Seventeen teams competed in Fall 2015, fourteen during the winter season, and another fifteen teams represented the school in Spring 2016.



Last fall, the Varsity Football team had their best season ever as they went 10 – 2 and won the State Vocational Large School Championship. The JV Football team had a good overall season and competed every game. The Freshmen Football team was 1 – 7 - 1. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 14 – 6 and qualified for the post-season tournament, finishing second in the Colonial Athletic League with an 8 – 3 record. The JV Boys Soccer team finished their season with a record of 9 – 6. The Varsity Golf team was 4 – 12, while the JV Golf team played in three tournaments, gaining valuable experience on the links. The Varsity Field Hockey team was 17 - 1 - 2, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for the sixth consecutive year. They beat Grafton, 3 – 0 but lost to Lunenburg 1- 0 in an excellently played game. They won the Colonial Athletic League Championship with a 10 – 0 - 2 record. The JV Field Hockey team finished their season with a record of 5 – 2 – 1. The Boys Cross Country team was 9 - 4 and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the CAL. The Girls Cross Country team was 3 – 5 overall, and also finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Colonial Athletic League. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team went 7 – 13, and during their busy season held a successful Bump-Set-Spike competition, raising more than \$3,000 to fight Breast Cancer. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 11 – 9, while the Freshmen Girls team continued to improve with a 7 – 10 record. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 11 – 7 – 1 and qualified for the post-season, where they lost to Bromfield 5 – 0. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 7 – 4 - 2 and will send some fine players to the varsity next year.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 14 – 7 on the season, qualifying for the post-season tournament where they lost to an impressive Millis team. The JV Girls were 18 – 0 and will send some fine players up to the varsity next year, and the Freshmen Girls finished the season with a 9 – 5 record. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 15 – 8 and qualified for both the State Vocational Tournament and the Districts. They lost to Worcester Tech in the first round of the Vocational Tournament and beat Bethany Christian in the first game of the Districts before losing to Hopedale in the quarterfinals. The JV Boys Basketball team was 13 – 8, while the Freshmen Boys ended the season 4 – 12. The Boys Ice Hockey team finished at 9 – 8 - 3 and qualified for the District Tournament, and can expect some impressive JV team members to move up and strengthen the program next season. Both Boys and Girls Indoor Track & Field participated in the Dual Valley Conference in 2016, where the boys were 4 – 4 and the girls finished with a 1 – 7 record.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team qualified for the Central Mass Tournament for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year with a 13 - 7 record. They advanced to the Semi-Finals, but fell to Uxbridge. Coach Reid won his 600<sup>th</sup> game during this season, his 43<sup>rd</sup> year at Monty Tech. Coach Reid was also selected as the Massachusetts Softball Coach of the Year. The JV Softball team ended their season 5 – 10. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 19 – 4 and 12 – 0 in the Colonial Athletic League, winning the league Championship and qualifying for both the State Vocational and District Tournaments. They advanced to the State Vocational Tournament Finals, but fell to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational technical High School 3 – 0. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 11 – 9, winning the Colonial Athletic League Small School Championship. The JV Baseball team was 8 – 8 and the Freshmen Baseball team was 2 – 8. The Boys Track & Field team was 8 - 2, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Colonial Athletic League, while the Girls Track & Field team ended the season with a record of 8 – 4, placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Colonial Athletic League. The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team played in nineteen games, finishing the season with a 9 – 10 record, missing the playoffs by only one game, and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Colonial Athletic League. The JV Boys Lacrosse was 11 – 6 – 1, as we look to the future.

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2015-2016, Kyle Morris and Kaitlyn MacAlister. Dave Reid, Monty Tech's long-time Athletic Director, also received the prestigious "John Young Award" from the MIAA for his outstanding contribution and service to high school athletics throughout his forty-three years of service.

### Monty Tech School of Continuing Education

The Monty Tech School of Continuing Education continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence by offering affordable, quality, and enjoyable educational experiences. For the Fall of 2015, Monty Tech offered 67 classes with 667 registrations, and during the Spring 2016 semester, there were 66 postgraduate and continuing studies courses, with 609 registrations.

The program, now under the leadership of Director Mary May-Lucchese, is looking forward to expanding the number of small business partnerships and increasing the number and quality of personal enrichment classes - sewing, knitting, acrylic painting and sculpting, to name a few. In addition, the Director has almost doubled the catalog distribution from 80,000 to 155,000 copies, and modified the saturation market to provide the popular evening programs with additional exposure.

The School of Continuing Education is also looking forward to introducing a new software program with robust reporting features and a very intuitive student and instructor portal. This web-based software enhancement is critical to the program and very high on our list of priorities. The new online registration feature will, no doubt, be received positively by students and instructors alike.

Spring 2017 will see our new ESL Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 courses come to fruition. These courses, coupled with our career and certificate classes, speak directly to course combinations that provide our community members an opportunity to grow, evolve and take their new skill set to the workforce.

The success (and sustainability) of an adult education program is based on hiring quality instructors and meeting the needs of the community. We are in line to accomplish both! Our goal in the coming year includes increasing our adult education course offerings, with a concentration on career programs. Stay tuned for Pharmacy Technician, Medical Billing and Coding, Auto Damage Appraiser and Apprenticeship opportunities at the Monty Tech School of Continuing Education.

### Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission, which is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, accomplishes the following:

- Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation
- Stresses the importance of developing critical thinking skills to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever-changing technical and diverse society
- Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment

The above mission and philosophy were met by the Practical Nursing program by several different methods.

On June 23, 2016, a graduating class of 32 students completed the Practical Nursing Program and entered the nursing profession. The class achieved an initial NCLEX pass rate of 91%, with 29 of the 32 graduates achieving 100% pass rate for the NCLEX-PN exam. Three graduates are waiting to sit their NCLEX-PN exam. 94% of the 2016 graduates are currently employed in the health care profession throughout Massachusetts, and many are working within the eighteen cities and towns of the Monty Tech school district as LPNs in various health care settings, ranging from long term care, sub-acute care to mental health facilities.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to develop the “LPN to BSN Bridge” relationship with Fitchburg State University. Several 2016 graduates are pursuing seats in the LPN to BSN program at FSU and will be continuing their education to the Bachelors in Nursing. Many present class applicants cited as their attraction to Monty Tech as the opportunity to complete a ten-month accelerated program and then bridge to Fitchburg State University.

Monty Tech Practical Nursing students are now completing patient scenarios in the Sim Lab on a weekly basis in Term 2 and Term 3. The Faculty Sim team has implemented National League of Nursing (NLN) patient scenarios consistent with our curriculum frameworks, and have also utilized the Sim lab setting to instruct students in developing nursing skills that they may not be experiencing in the clinical setting. Instructors have successfully developed a pediatric patient scenario that is consistent with present student learning outcomes and the clinical pediatric setting.

The Practical Nursing Program Faculty implemented new student learning outcomes across the curriculum adopted from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Nurse of the Future Initiative LPN Competencies. The competencies have been recognized nationally as being consistent with current LPN practice. The Faculty will assess the revised student learning outcomes and our content to assure consistency with the new NCLEX-PN Detailed Test Plan that will be released in March 2017.

The class of 2016 performed a community service project adopting a Monty Tech family in need referred by Student Support Services. The nursing students purchased holiday gifts and food for the family, making sure they were consistent with the family’s requests or needs.

With an eye toward the program’s future, forty-seven applicants were accepted to the Class of 2017, and forty-five students enrolled and will continue in the tradition of high-quality practical nursing preparation.

### *Looking Ahead*

While the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District educational community is certainly proud of the achievements of our talented students, faculty, and staff, we continue to have an eye toward the future, always committed to improving our vocational and academic programming, strengthening key partnerships, and maintaining facilities that contribute to student success and achievement. As we look ahead, there are a number of programs and initiatives that we expect will have a positive impact on our school and students for years to come.

Expand partnerships with area businesses: The Machine Technology program at Monty Tech has a long history of successfully placing students in machine and manufacturing shops in the area. Program instructors work closely with a nineteen-member program advisory committee to ensure instruction and training equipment aligns with current industry standards, and welcome their guidance in this regard. With an eye toward expanding opportunities for students interested in pursuing occupations in this high-demand industry, program partner L. S. Starrett Company has suggested adding lessons in quality control and metrology to the existing curriculum. Program instructors anticipate reconfiguring the instructional space to bring in updated equipment, and will also add two industry-recognized certification exams to the curriculum. By standardizing metrology instruction and providing students with opportunities to earn additional credentials, program instructors are ensuring Monty Tech Machine Technology students are poised for a successful school-to-work transition upon graduation.

Expand partnerships with area colleges and universities: Monty Tech students currently benefit from a number of articulation and dual enrollment agreements with surrounding post-secondary partners. In the coming years, we hope to expand those opportunities in two vocational-technical areas: Information Technology and Early Childhood Education. By the end of 2016-2017, Monty Tech Information Technology instructors will submit an articulation request to MWCC officials, to determine how our curriculum may align with MWCC's Computer Information Systems Transfer Track (CIT) program. Additionally, instructors in Monty Tech's Early Childhood Education program will continue discussions with Fitchburg State University officials, exploring the potential of embedding one college-level course into the senior year curriculum. School officials continue to discuss the merits of aligning curriculum, securing appropriate adjunct professor credentials, and costs associated with tuition and fees for the agreed upon course.

Expand Access to Instructional Technology: A Monty Tech education is effective because efforts are made to continually assess our programming, instructional equipment, and our educational resources. Through this assessment, it has become clear that while so many students have access to technology away from the school, many do not. It is important, then, to arm every student with the tools necessary to succeed not only in the workplace, but in the classroom, as well. The district is pleased to announce a whole-school technology initiative, culminating in a September 2016 Chromebook distribution to each of our 1,435 students. It is our hope that these devices will support learning, increase and streamline communication with teachers, and promote collaboration among student peers.

Expand vocational-technical educational opportunities: As you know, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is home to twenty vocational-technical programs, and currently serves over 1,400 students from eighteen cities and towns in North Central Massachusetts. We are so proud of our students and accomplishments, and every year we strive to provide only the best educational programs, both academic and vocational, to each and every student. As we review our student demographic, the regional workforce data, and feedback we have received from students interested in attending our school, we consider the benefits of adding new vocational programs. We are pleased to announce that Monty Tech is bringing our 21<sup>st</sup> program to the school – Animal/Veterinary Science. The new program, open to students Fall 2017, will respond to much-needed workforce training and community services, and will effectively prepare students to enter both college and career pathways upon graduation.

*The Monty Tech School Committee*

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures.

Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experiences and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2015-2016 School Committee for their outstanding service.

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## MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Herein submitted for inclusion in the Templeton Annual Report for FY16 are the financial and statistical data for the Templeton Municipal Light Plant.

During 2015 our customers purchased 59,302,511 Kilowatt-Hours of electricity compared to 59,373,775 Kilowatt-Hours in 2014, a decrease in sales of 71,264 Kilowatt-Hours or 0.12%. The peak demand in December of 2015 was 10,665 Kilowatts, down 319 Kilowatts or 2.90% compared to 10,984 Kilowatts in December of 2014. During 2015, a net of -7 electric services were connected compared to a net of 31 services connected in 2014.

### Additions and Improvements:

The Light Plant started its 110<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Town of Templeton.

The 1.65-Megawatt Templeton Wind Turbine generated 1,297,096 Kilowatt-Hours for a total of 2.12% of our annual Power Supply. The 15-Megawatt Berkshire Wind Farm in Hancock, MA generated 2,709,808 Kilowatt-Hours for a total of 4.42% of our Annual Power Supply.

The Light Plant replaced several of the town's old high pressure sodium (HPS) floodlight fixtures with new light emitting diode (LED) streetlight fixtures. There were 11 of the 250-Watt HPS units in Templeton replaced with 11 of the 85-Watt LED equivalent units at a cost of \$4,488. These changes represent an annual reduction in energy usage of 9,402 Kilowatt-Hours and an annual financial savings to the town of \$1,063. Additionally, there were 6 of the 400-Watt HPS units in Templeton replaced with 6 of the 129-Watt LED equivalent units at a cost of \$2,916. These changes represent an annual reduction in energy usage of 8,757 Kilowatt-Hours and an annual financial savings to the town of \$990.

The Light Plant rebuilt portions of the walls and ceiling encasing the stairwell portion of the TMLWP Office separating the administrative offices from the operations facilities. These walls and ceiling had been previously inadequately insulated for New England winter temperatures and winds and had caused water damage to the office building in 2014. The cost for the upgrades to these walls and ceiling were \$9,507 for 2015.

### Capital Expenses:

The Light Plant acquired a new Dell server computer from BTE Corporation for the SCADA System which monitors Templeton's electrical load at a cost of \$5,200. The original server computer for this system was purchased in 2007 and was beginning to have memory space issues.

The Light Plant acquired 11 new pole mount distribution transformers from Wesco at a cost of \$8,748 in an effort to reduce loading on existing units and utilize more energy efficient units pursuant to the US Department of Energy's new standards for oil-immersed transformers circa 2010.

The Light Plant acquired a new Terex 45' digger-derrick unit at a cost of \$153,032 from Kiley to replace the unit purchased in 2005. This vehicle's primary function is to drill ground holes and set new utility poles; it is also used to lift and move heavy electrical materials. The older 2005 unit was sold in an online auction for \$35,470.

The Light Plant installed a new gasoline fuel pump from Dependable Petroleum Service at the on-site tank location at a cost of \$2,293. The original pump was installed in 2003.

The Light Plant bought a new hand-held URD cable locator from CA Turner at a cost of \$3,100. This unit is necessary to comply with the state's Dig-Safe program when our electrical utilities are installed underground on public or private property.

The Light Plant acquired 60 new 3-shieve pulling blocks from Wesco at a cost of \$21,659. These units are necessary so that the line crews can install the aerial spacer cabling system (Hendrix) that has been put into use going back to the 1970s. The 3-shieve pulling blocks allow for easy installation of new de-energized conductors and messenger cable alongside existing energized conductors for up to 4,000' at a time.

The Light Plant purchased 4 tablets from Nokia at a cost of \$2,000 for the Commissioners and for the General Manager. These units will allow for remote access to email and to the internet and in the future access to the TMLWP Office restricted Wi-Fi so that the Commissioners and the General Manager can access documents relevant to monthly meetings. These tablets will greatly reduce the amount of paper preparation for the meetings and will make record-keeping easier for the General Manager.

The Light Plant spent \$15,675 on 15 KV insulation apparatus from Powertech/UPSC for the North Baldwinville Substation. This apparatus was used to cover bushings of voltage regulators, circuit reclosers and transformers located within the substation. This has greatly reduced the frequency of wildlife-related power outages as a result of a live contact in the substation.

#### Power Supply:

The Light Plant provides electricity for its customers through both fixed contracts and open market power purchases in an effort to diversify the town's power resources and stabilize its purchased power costs. These costs include capacity charges, fuel charges and transmission charges. Several unforeseen and uncontrollable factors cause the wholesale cost of energy to fluctuate year-round. The biggest contributors to these fluctuations are the absolute loads (i.e., cold winter nights, hot summer days), unplanned generation plant shutdowns and deviations in natural gas and oil prices in New England.

In 2015 the Light Plant purchased 61,277,171 Kilowatt-Hours of wholesale electricity for \$5,913,596, which makes its purchased power cost for that year 9.65¢ per Kilowatt-Hour. This figure is up slightly from 9.11¢ per Kilowatt-Hour in 2014, which represents an increase of 0.54¢ per Kilowatt-Hour or 5.93%. Most power supply costs up in 2015 as compared to 2014 can be attributed to additional expenses for ISO Interchange, Stonybrook Peaking Project, Weekly Studies hedging, Berkshire Wind and Templeton Wind.

The Light Plant paid Regional Network Service (RNS) charges in 2015 equal to \$7.39 per Kilowatt-Month. This is down from \$7.61 per Kilowatt-Month in 2014. Templeton Light has joined the battle with other municipal light plants in attempting to fight legislatively these transmission rate increases and the incentives that transmission companies have received over the year, arguing that ISO New England et al are attempting to recover the costs of 25 years of transmission maintenance in 5 years. These costs are unevenly distributed amongst all of the transmission companies' ratepayers and weigh heavily on the Light Plant, as no immediate reliability improvements can ever be witnessed.

The Light Plant remains a participant in the Berkshire Wind Farm, a 15-Megawatt generation project in Hancock, MA, of which our share is 823 kilowatts. The addition of this renewable wind energy to the Light Plant's power supply made 25% of our power supply from renewable resources for 2015, already 5% over the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) of 20% by the year 2020 for Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) like Eversource and National Grid.

#### Financials:

The Light Plant collected a total of \$7,489,457 in electric operating revenues from the sale of retail electricity to our customers in 2015, down from \$7,701,793 collected in 2014. This represents a decrease of \$212,336 from this year to last, or 2.76%. Similarly, the Light Plant's miscellaneous revenues were \$387,037 for 2015, down from \$589,310 for 2014. This represents a decrease of \$202,273 from this year to last, or 34%. The Light Plant's electric customers paid an average rate of 12.63¢ per Kilowatt-Hour in 2015.

The Light Plant incurred the following costs from its various wholesale electricity providers in 2015:

Supplier:	Kilowatt-Hours:	Cost:	Share	Rate
National Grid (LNS)	98,802	\$2,150	0.04%	\$0.0218
Eversource (LNS)	98,802	\$1,622	0.03%	\$0.0164
National Grid (airport)	28,630	\$6,031	0.10%	\$0.2107
Select Energy	0	(\$54,332)	-0.92%	n/a
MMWEC Intermediate Project	2,984,204	\$537,352	9.13%	\$0.1801
MMWEC Peaking Project	55,463	\$89,127	1.52%	\$1.6070
ISO Interchange (market)	2,889,700	\$510,047	8.67%	\$0.0922
OATT (RNS)	98,802	\$698,365	11.87%	\$7.0683
Dominion (Millstone 3, CT)	7,454,007	\$432,378	7.35%	\$0.0580
Nextera (Seabrook 1, NH)	18,268,735	\$1,528,253	25.97%	\$0.0837



Hydro-Quebec Phases 1, 2	98,802	\$29,778	0.51%	\$0.3014
Miniwatt Hydroelectric, LLC	1,603,469	\$82,021	1.39%	\$0.0512
Winchendon Hydroelectric, LLC	22,951	\$1,202	0.02%	\$0.0524
REMVEC (transmission operators)	0	\$1,880	0.03%	n/a
MMWEC All Requirements Billing	0	\$73,069	1.24%	n/a
NYPA (hydroelectric)	3,052,536	\$89,796	1.53%	\$0.0294
Weekly Studies (hedging)	14,069,650	\$983,238	16.71%	\$0.0699
Berkshire Wind	2,709,808	\$217,477	3.70%	\$0.0803
Seaman Energy, LLC	1,918,999	\$142,376	2.42%	\$0.0742
Templeton Wind	1,297,096	\$227,927	3.87%	\$0.1757
Templeton Solar	4,921,923	\$284,566	4.84%	\$0.0578
Totals:	61,277,171 KWH	\$5,884,323	100.00%	\$0.0960

Below is a breakdown of the Light Plant's ultimate Kilowatt-Hour sales to customers for 2015:

Rate Class:	Kilowatt-Hours Sold:	Cost:	Rate:
A-1 Residential	26,201,412	\$3,607,900	\$0.1377
C-1 Large Industrial Part 1	5,359,501	\$712,252	\$0.1329
C-1 Large Industrial Part 2	19,644,800	\$2,118,776	\$0.1079
C-2 Private Area Lighting	589,152	\$69,522	\$0.1180
C-3 Small Commercial	1,456,091	\$192,451	\$0.1322
C-4 Medium Commercial	2,396,506	\$321,431	\$0.1341
M-1 Large Municipal Part 1	2,546,380	\$332,210	\$0.1305
M-3 Small Municipal	204,449	\$26,819	\$0.1312
M-4 Medium Municipal	406,484	\$54,426	\$0.1339
P-3 Public Authority	30,331	\$4,037	\$0.1331
T-3 Commercial Time-of-Use ON	109,153	\$15,369	\$0.1408
T-4 Commercial Time-of-Use OFF	192,838	\$14,318	\$0.0742
Municipal Lighting	165,414	\$19,946	\$0.1206
Totals:	59,302,511 KWH	\$7,489,457	\$0.1263

Approximately 64% of the Light Plant's residential customer base took advantage of the early-pay discount program in 2015, resulting in a savings to them of \$166,907, or approximately \$4.49 per monthly electric bill.

All 100% of the Light Plant's residential customer base received credits equal to \$142,716 in 2015 from the New York Power Authority's Hydroelectric Generation Facilities.

Below is a breakdown of the Light Plant's Kilowatt-Hour consumption at its own facilities:

Location:	Kilowatt-Hours Consumed:	Cost:
Templeton Light and Water Office	70,865	\$9,298
Templeton Substation (station service)	23,794	\$3,122
Templeton Wind Turbine (station service)	22,470	\$2,948
Food Pantry/Cable TV Commission	8,794	\$1,154
Light Radio/Repeater Equipment	1,419	\$186
TMLWP Office Solar Array	-7,437	(\$976)
Totals:	114,387	\$14,890

The Light Commission and the General Manager would like to thank all of the Light Plant's employees for their continued dedication and hard work in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dana Blais  
Board Chairman

Gregg Edwards  
Board Secretary

Chris Stewart  
Board Member

John M. Driscoll  
General Manager

## **MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT**

Herein submitted for inclusion in the Templeton Annual Report for FY16 are the financial and statistical data for the Templeton Municipal Water Plant.

The Templeton Municipal Water Plant is an enterprise fund formed as a result of the Special Acts of 2000 duly passed by the State House of Representatives, the State Senate, the Governor and the Templeton voters. This new legislation put the financial management and operational oversight of the town's water department directly under the control of the Templeton Municipal Light Plant, its Commission and its Manager. The purpose of this was to allow the water department to operate under the same Chapter of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 164, that the light department does. Further, it allowed the water department to operate solely from revenues from the sale of water to its customers rather than from town funds generated by taxation.

During FY16 our customers purchased a total of 114,200,590 gallons of water compared to 115,811,630 gallons in FY15. This 1,611,040 decrease in water usage can be attributed to a net negative value in homes occupied for FY16 versus FY15. The local economic growth was still basically stagnant in FY16 like in FY15 and it will likely be some time before Templeton Water recovers back to the level of 147,953,220 gallons of water usage in FY08.

Templeton Water connected 4 new water services in FY16 and collected \$1,413,579 in water sales revenue and \$66,732 in miscellaneous revenue.

#### Additions and Improvements:

The Water Plant made improvements to its water distribution stations in FY16 amounting to \$6,681 for our Maple Street and Willow Street Well Sites, our Baldwinville Road and Depot Road Booster Stations and our Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) Hut on Dudley Road.

The Water Plant made improvements to a portion of its 53 miles of water distribution mains in FY16 amounting to \$46,720.

The Water Plant made improvements to its water treatment plant on Sawyer Street in FY16 amounting to \$44,877.

#### Capital Expenses:

In July 2015 the Water Plant installed a new SCADA System at the TMWP Operations Facility on Bridge Street at a cost of \$14,728. The existing system was 13 years old and was beginning to run into license renewal and software upgrade issues.

In July 2015 the Water Plant purchased 111 new water meters for residential water customers at a cost of \$24,947. The majority of the existing water meters had surpassed their industry-accepted life spans of 12-15 years of operation. These new water meters would increase the amount of metered gallons to be billed for by 1%-2%. The Water Plant additionally purchased 21 new water meters for other water customers at a cost of \$5,484 throughout the year to account for water meters that had failed during FY16.

In October 2015 the Water Plant purchased 2 tablets from Nokia at a cost of \$1,000 for the Commissioners and for the General Manager. These units will allow for remote access to email and to the internet and in the future access to the TMLWP Office restricted Wi-Fi so that the Commissioners and the General Manager can access documents relevant to monthly meetings. These tablets will greatly reduce the amount of paper preparation for the meetings and will make record-keeping easier for the General Manager.

In November 2015 the Water Plant purchased a new water pump at a cost of \$2,068 designed specifically for pumping out large water-flooded holes due to a water main break. This new pump had more HP than the existing one utilized by the water operations crews. The existing

water pump came with the old water department before their operations were taken over by the light & water commissioners in 2001.

In January 2016 the Water Plant purchased a new road saw at a cost of \$2,200 that will be used to cut away sections of town roads when repairs to a broken water main or water service need to be made.

In February 2016 the Water Plant installed a new SCADA System at the TMWP Water Treatment Plant on Sawyer Street at a cost of \$9,885. The existing system was 10 years old and was beginning to run into license renewal and software upgrade issues.

### Financials:

Below is a breakdown of the Water Plant's FY16 water sales summary by water customer class:

Account #:	Rate Code:	Gallons Sold:	Revenue:	# of Bills:
461-01	21 Residential	97,600,470	\$1,238,359	8,242
461-02	22 Agricultural	2,681,680	\$26,107	20
461-03	23 Commercial	7,259,970	\$81,673	331
461-04	24 Municipal	1,500,500	\$16,522	57
461-05	25 Industrial	4,627,040	\$45,592	48
461-07	27 Other	49,000	\$1,510	20
461-08	28 Irrigation	481,930	\$3,816	96
Totals:		114,200,590	\$1,413,579	8,814

The Water Commission and General Manager would like to thank all of the Water Plant's employees for their continued dedication and hard work in FY16.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Annual Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Christopher Casavant

Superintendent

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The 2016-17 school year marks one of many new faces, a new time for Narragansett Regional School District. In July, we welcomed our new leader, Superintendent Dr. Christopher Casavant, to Gansett. Dr. Casavant most recently served as the Business Manager of Gardner Public Schools, and prior to that has 20 years in education; ranging from Teacher to Administrator, and now Superintendent.

The High School saw a complete change in Administrators this year, as they welcomed Mandy Vasil as the new Principal, and John Vancelette as the new Assistant Principal. Ms. Vasil brings her 16 years of administrative experience to Gansett, while Mr. Vancelette seamlessly made the transition from HS Biology teacher to Assistant Principal, which gave the students a familiar face amongst all the change.

Our Custodial and Groundskeeping staff have continued to take excellent care of all of the buildings in the District. At the end of the 2015-16 school year, the troops were rallied as we worked with the Town in moving the entire Kindergarten and 1st Grade classrooms from the Templeton Center Elementary School, into their new temporary home at the Narragansett Middle School. Both teachers and custodial staff alike worked tirelessly to empty their classrooms from one location into another - all in time to provide a warm and welcoming new "school" for the soon-to-be 1st Graders and new Kindergarten students. The TC teachers have magically transformed what used to be the 8th Grade hallway of the Middle School to the new Templeton Center Elementary Wing, a perfect temporary home to welcome all of our youngest Warriors.

As for Academics, our Administrative Team, in collaboration with Teachers and Staff, have worked diligently to vertically align the curriculum and create assessment maps and common assessments that span the K-12 curricular continuum. Many of the 3rd and 4th Graders will be taking the MCAS on-line this year, which is the direction in which the state is moving to at all levels. The District also continues its' one to one initiative in providing a ChromeBook to each student between the 2nd and 12th grades. This will prepare our students for the 21st Century learning skills that they will need to be better equipped to be productive citizens in the future.

NRSD has had another active year in the Grant category, as several grants were awarded. We have been chosen to serve as the lead school in a \$94,000 grant that was awarded from the Massachusetts Mathematics and Science Partnership, in which 8 surrounding district schools are supported through professional learning of science/STEM teachers in grades 5 – 12 as they explore the 2016 Massachusetts Science, Technology/Engineering standards. This work continues the collaboration of area public school districts with their higher education partner The STEM Education Center at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Another exciting grant opportunity has been the Telehealth Grant, a cooperative grant with Heywood Healthcare, that allows for electronic access of trained mental health professionals by students at the Middle and High school levels. It enters its' pilot phase this summer, and will see a full roll-out at the start of the 2017-18 school year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople of both Templeton and Phillipston for being so welcoming and supportive as I transition into the role of Superintendent of the Narragansett Regional School District. It's been an exciting first year at Gansett, and I'm happy to be a part of your community!!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Chris Casavant  
Superintendent

## **PHILLIPSTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

Phillipston Memorial Elementary School serves students in PreKindergarten through Fourth Grade in the Narragansett Regional School District with 172 students. 36.6% of students receive free or reduced lunch. The class sizes vary from 16 to 23 students depending on the grade level.

Phillipston Memorial provides a multitude of services to support all learners. Support services included Special Education, School Adjustment Counseling and the Title I program. Title I provides additional academic support services for students who are not meeting the academic benchmarks in ELA or Math. Special Education Services provide a resource room setting and inclusive services depending on a student's educational needs. Special education services may also include ABA Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and/ or Speech and Language Therapy. In addition, individual and small group school adjustment counseling services are available for students in need. The preschool program is an integrated program that provides part time morning or afternoon classes. Phillipston Memorial offers an extended day program to provide care for students before and after school. This program also includes a preschool component for preschool students who need daycare before or after preschool.

Students in Kindergarten through grade four have Physical Education, Music, Health, Art and Guidance Services. Students have PE instruction 90 minutes per week and Music, Art, and Health for 45 minutes per week. Guidance classes are offered for 30-45 minutes depending on the grade level Curriculum.

Phillipston teachers and staff work diligently to ensure that curriculum is accessible to all students. They continually refine, adjust and accommodate the core curriculum to meet the needs of ALL our learners. Teachers research and/or create additional resources in order to meet the needs of our students. They ensure the best interest of our students is at the forefront of their practice.

The core curriculum for English Language Arts is the Lucy Calkins Readers and Writers' Units of Study. The *Units of Study for Teaching Reading and Writing*, offers grade-by-grade curricula in reading and writing bends or units and is designed to meet ambitious learning standards. It provides students with tools and methods to move up the ladder of text and writing complexity; builds foundational skills and strategies; and supports the teaching of understanding; interpretation, synthesis, and main idea. The workshop model is rooted in the best practices and newest thinking to support students engagement and create critical thinkers. Students are regularly assessed using the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessment to track progress and adjust instruction to meet the needs of the students.

The EngageNY math curriculum was adopted and implemented in January of 2014. EngageNY curriculum modules are marked by in-depth essential grade level topics. It integrates the MA Common Core Learning standards, reasoning, practice and reflection through problem sets and high expectations for mastery. The time required to complete each curriculum module depends on the scope and difficulty of the mathematical content that is the focus of the module.

In the beginning of the 2015 school year, Seeds of Science Module Units of Study were adopted for students in grades 2 through 4. Seeds of Science aligns with the Readers and Writers Workshop Model allowing for students to experiment, investigate and engage in hands on learning while incorporating the techniques and strategies of the Readers and Writers workshop model. The program incorporates investigations and learning labs that require students to hypothesize, observe, record and adjust their thinking based on their investigations.

It is essential that our students learn the basic but also focus on critical thinking and reasoning, so they become problem solvers. It's important they grapple with real life problems and coming up with solutions that work. When a seven-year-old explains how and demonstrate multiple ways to solve a 2-digit addition or subtraction problem, you know they can be flexible in their thinking and when faced with a more challenging math problem they have means to solve it. Students are working hard to building a foundation for future success in life and school.

Building Our Kids Success (BOKS) is a before school physical fitness program sponsored by Reebok and directed by our Occupational Therapist, Diana Sullivan. BOKS empowers parents, teachers, schools and local volunteers to give students "a body and brain boost" that set them up for a day of learning. Two days a week, students arrive early to participate in fun-filled physical activities to get them moving before the school day starts. The program is action-packed and filled with music, fun and physical activity. The greatest testament to the success of this program is the incredible parental and staff volunteers who come into play and support our kids every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school. This program is run by all volunteers, including Diana. Training and curriculum is provided through Reebok free of charge. The program was open to all K-4 Phillipston Memorial students.

Our music program offer five opportunities for students to showcase their talents. The fourth graders performed a winter concert with all the fourth graders at the Middle School in December. The whole school presented a Christmas play for family and friends. The Kindergarten and First Grade classes sang to the Council on Aging to spread holiday cheer. In the spring, our Fourth graders performed in their Recorder Concert after a semester long curriculum study on recorders. The final concert was the Memorial Day Program which honored our Fallen Heros. Students shared poems and songs to commemorate this solemn observation.

The Annual Elementary Art Show was open for viewing during the Spring Recorder Concert. On display was the work of our students throughout the school year. Our students create amazing works of art from different cultures and genres were showcased.

#### Community Support and Involvement at Phillipston Memorial

Phillipston Memorial always has generous amount of community support and involvement. A school site council committee is comprised of two faculty members, two parents, a community member and the principal. Parents are elected through the Phillipston Parent, Teacher Group (PTG) and faculty members who volunteer and are elected by the faculty. The principal appoints the community member. The primary responsibility of the School Council is to help formulate and monitor the school improvement plan via needs assessments from community and staff. The most recent community member resigned because he relocated. The School Council is seeing a community member who would like to serve on the committee. If anyone is interest, please contact Chante Jillson, Principal at the school.

The Parent Teacher Group is active and supplements many enrichment programs and opportunities for the students. The PTG supported the Phillipston students and families in many fabulous ways including providing financial resources to provide enriching learning opportunities. During the last year, the PTG provided funding for the two author visits. The first was Melissa Steward and the second was Michael Patrick O'Neil. They visited to share their writing craft with students. This opportunity provides a real-life connection to the work of writing and publishing books, as well as an alignment to the core curriculum. They also sponsor the annual Father/Daughter Dance and Mother Son event. The Mother/Son event was All about Dinosaurs. They got to dig for bones and explore fossils. PTG's supports our annual field day in the spring by helping with activity stations and providing treats. The highlighted event for PTG was the our third and fourth graders training and performing in the Van Lodastov Family Circus. They work for two weeks to learn and perform various circus acts including juggles, tumbling, climbing, spinning and slap shot comedy skits. It is an awesome opportunity to build skills and develop true teamwork.

The Phillipston Fire and Police departments work cooperatively with the school to provide numerous programs that connect our community and teach students safety and responsibility. The collaborative effort of all town departments help us with the A.L.I.C.E program. A.L.I.C.E is used if we had an active threat that needed immediate attention from our local Emergency Management Systems. The Fire Department provides annual Fire Safety training each fall and teaches all students about fire safety and what to do in case of fire emergency. They also make sure we practice fire drills to be prepared in the event of a fire. The Police department offers support for Halloween safety and DARE program for the fourth grade. The Officer Phil program also comes to teach us



about personal safety. The favorite event for student is when Officer Chapman brings the police dog. The bloodhound demonstration always proves to be the most memorable.

The Athol Savings Bank sponsored the Save-Sum Banking program. The Save\$um Banking Program is an interactive, hands-on educational program designed specifically to educate children of all ages on the importance of saving money, being self-disciplined, and knowing the self-satisfaction of watching their money grow.

The Phillipston Memorial School Community is a great place to learn and play. On behalf of the teachers, staff and most importantly, our students, thank you for all you do to support us! We greatly appreciate all you do for us! Thank You!!

Sincerely,  
Chante Jillson, Principal

## **BALDWINVILLE & TEMPLETON CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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There have been many exciting changes to our two elementary schools throughout this past year. Our numbers continue to grow; Baldwinville currently houses 275 students while Templeton Center has 160. In addition to growing numbers, we have relocated Templeton Center to the MS/HS complex for the time being as we await the construction of the proposed new school.

Both schools have been busy incorporating technology into the classrooms as well. Programs like IXL, MobyMax, Google Classroom, and general word processing with Google Docs are just a sample of the new online ways our students are reinforcing the skills being taught by the classroom teachers.

Some highlights of the past year are listed below (not an exhaustive list by any means):

- Local testing show improvement in reading, writing, and math.
- MCAS data demonstrates improvement in 3rd and 4th grade math.
- Enrollment continues to increase.
- The before and after school program is thriving, providing great support for parents and families.
- The Elementary PTO has been doing many great things like multiple movie nights/mornings, Family Game Night, Breakfast with Santa, and much more.
- The Pumpkin Patch, Horribles Parade, Walkathon, and Turkey Trot continue to be school and community favorites with excellent participation.

- Officer Rosengren has continued his work with student safety including ALiCE training via children's literature, and he has continued the work with the Officer Phil program.
- Title I math and literacy nights have allowed parents to share in the education process.
- The Templeton Light Department has provided multiple educational opportunities for electric safety.
- All elementary students also attended the Theatre at the Mount performance located at the Gardner High School due to renovations.

Finally, this is a great chance to say thank you to all of the local parents/guardians, as well as many local community members, for all of their contributions to the annual food baskets. Donations this year were amazing again, and many families were treated to some great meals due to all of the support. Students also benefit from this event as each grade level is given an assigned food to bring in. Giving back is a real character builder for these young folks, and hopefully something they will take with them as they grow.

It is truly a joy to work with these young learners each and every day.

With gratitude,  
Nathaniel E North, Interim Principal  
Baldwinville Elementary School

## NARRAGANSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Fiscal Year 2016 was another strong year for Narragansett Middle School. Our continued success is directly connected to the support of Phillipston and Templeton. We have many programs and activities to highlight in this annual report. These include our double math instructional periods, our shift to the Next Generation Science Standards, building a 1:1 technology environment, and supporting a robust musical, theatrical, and athletic program to support your children beyond the academic.

In the past, this report has begun with a focus on our academic successes. This year, our annual report will initially highlight our musical, theatrical, and athletic programs. Our music program is second to none. Many of our students arrive at Narragansett with little or no instrumental or vocal instruction. Students learning an instrument are pulled from classes for approximately 20 minutes per week to learn the instrument.

Over time and coupled with independent practice at home, these students come together as an incredible Beginner Band and progress to be part of the Symphonic Winds. In addition to the lessons and independent practice, these students give up their directed study three days per week to practice as the unified band. Our program and individual musicians have been recognized at festivals throughout New England. The music program at Narragansett Middle School is a foundational element of who we are. Many of these same students also participated in the culminating theatrical production of the year, The Wizard of Oz. The Wizard of Oz brought together students in grades five through twelve for an incredible program that blended video production of our Broadcasting classes with traditional theatre production.

In addition to our fine arts offerings, students have the opportunity to participate in a robust middle school athletic program. Our sports are Golf, Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Field Hockey, Winter Track, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, and Spring Track. Many of our athletic offerings have been opened up to students in the sixth grade. This allows students an opportunity to participate when they would typically be unable to do so. Fifth and sixth grade students once had the opportunity for intramural sports but these were cut due to tight budgets.

For the past several years, Narragansett Middle School has committed resources to support longer math instructional blocks. These longer instructional blocks are *essential* in order to maintain and continue to improve the academic achievement of our students. The math program used by the district through grade 8 is EngageNY which is also known as Eureka Math. This program is the only curricular program that is fully connected to the Common Core Curriculum Framework as adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Longer instructional blocks are currently used at the seventh and eighth grade level and could be used in the fifth and sixth grade as well. This time is *critical* for students to understand the complex concepts and skills that are demanded by the curriculum. Our teachers continue to work diligently to support students on this math journey.

Narragansett Middle School has a strong core of science teachers passionately dedicated to the success of our students as they consider careers in STEM fields. These science teachers have been working to shift and adapt our science program in order to fully align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These standards, similar to the math standards, are challenging and require consistent review and revision of our curriculum. As part of this review, we will need to comprehensively examine our resources students use. Our teachers will be working to examine new books for daily student use over the coming year.

Another critical element of our success has been the steady build to have Chromebooks for every student. Chromebooks are economically practical and are capable of allowing students to use Google Applications. These applications allow students to easily write, share and peer edit their work. Teachers are able to comment on and edit student work in an ongoing manner as opposed to a one-time comment and feedback. The ability to easily revise work allows students to learn that writing is iterative and gets better with each change. Technology allows us to use programs such as Quizlet, JogNog, and Galileo in order to assess and allow for self-monitoring of student work. Other online resources, such as Khan Academy, provide students the opportunities explore their interests and probe deeper. As our teachers become more adept at using Google Classroom students will be easily able to access class documents and assignments while creating a digital timeline of the course.

Narragansett Middle School continually works for improvement. This cycle is constant as we must always focus on the needs of our students. These needs change on a day to day basis. As educators we need to be adaptable to meet the individual needs of the students who come to Narragansett as citizens of Templeton and Phillipston and those who choose to attend our school from one of the many surrounding communities.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter J. Cushing, Principal

## **NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

464 Baldwinville Road  
Baldwinville, MA 01436

Mandy H. Vasil, Principal

John A. Vancelette, Vice Principal

The 2015-2016 school year at Narragansett Regional High School (NRHS) was a year where change was a key ingredient. Mr. John Jasinski, Principal from 2000 to 2008, was brought back to lead the school in an interim capacity for one year.

Before the beginning of school, incoming 9th grade students participated in the annual Freshman Academy. At this four-day summer event, students have an opportunity to become acclimated with the school, meet some of the upperclassmen, and participate in activities designed to foster leadership skills, build new relationships, and participate when students returned to class on August 25<sup>th</sup>, they were greeted by many veteran staff members along with eleven new educators. As the school year progressed, the growing process has been a quick one with adaptability and learning moving forward at a steady pace.

The Class of 2016 had 24 recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship entitling them to benefits if they decided to attend any of the institutions within the state college system of Massachusetts. More than seventy members of the Class of 2016 were involved in a Senior Class Give Back Day on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Released from their academic classes for the day, these students took on a number of tasks including painting crosswalks, staining bleachers, cutting brush, pulling weeds, painting the interior of the press box and painting exterior walls. It was a day where friends worked with friends and a day where new friendships were made.

The Class of 2016 also held a very successful meat raffle prior to Thanksgiving again employing the talents and efforts of more than fifty students.

The NRHS internship program provided many diverse opportunities for members of the junior and senior classes. More than forty students supervised by four faculty members were given opportunities to experience practical applications on a daily basis.

Peer Pals with a membership over one hundred, provided assistance to grade 9 students transitioning into high school from the middle school. The goal of Peer Pals is to have upperclassmen mentor younger students throughout the year. On a regular basis, participants eat lunch together in addition to other gatherings that take place on a frequent basis.

NRHS re-established and fortified the school's relationship with THE GARDNER NEWS(TGN). Many articles and photographs authored by NRHS students appeared on The Voice Page. In addition, the TGN Education Page, the front page and other selected sections of the newspaper published many articles and pictures from members of THE GARDNER NEWS JOURNALISM CLUB. If residents of the community wanted to know what was taking place within our school, the NRHS Weekly Events were also published.

The NRHS Band, Chorus, and Drama Programs were each providing wonderful opportunities to students including UMASS Band Day, MICCA Competition, and Central District Chorus. The Drama Club presented "The Wizard of Oz" for their spring musical which including many Narragansett students from all age groups. The production was outstanding displaying student talents on stage as well as special effects that made one ask, "How'd they do that?"

The International Club worked diligently throughout the year to bring awareness of the various cultures and languages that are part of our society today. On selected Friday evenings, the McNamara Library was turned into a movie theatre for many of the community living within the Narragansett Regional School District and was sponsored by the International Club.

Creative talents were exhibited during select times by members of the Art Club culminating into a showcase of their work in the spring. The Video Game and Board Game Clubs provided excellent outlets for students who wanted someplace to land after school.

The NRHS Student Council provided the framework for scheduling events. The Varsity Lettermen's Club sponsored a wonderful Homecoming Week and pep rallies.

The Arrow Yearbook once again became the historical document for NRHS portraying every aspect of student life.

Athletics provided seasonal opportunities thru our school's affiliation with the Mid-Wach League and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. There were many exciting moments for many individuals and teams.

Most importantly, The NRHS Program of Studies contains many courses that challenge student intellect. Advanced Place Course offerings allowed NRHS students to acquire opportunities prior

to entering college. The traditional “core curriculum” classes served as the basis for learning supplemented by other electives. Such “recent” additions as the Vocational Horticulture Program, Environmental Science, Fall Backpacking, and Winter Survival provide unique experiences that other secondary schools in the area do not have. Various honor societies recognized the achievements within each discipline.

New administration was introduced to the faculty and staff including Principal Mandy Vasil and Assistant Principal John Vancelette.

The Class of 2016 had 90 graduates on June 3. Graduation was held in the gym due to pending inclement weather and served as the end of an exciting week of Senior activities. Seniors worked energetically during a second Give Back day during this week and were then treated to a cookout to end their year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mandy H. Vasil, Principal  
Narragansett Regional High School

Narragansett Regional School District			
Financial Statement - Year Ending			
June 30, 2016			
School Account:			
Appropriation for Support of Schools			
1000 Administration			
School Committee Expenses		\$ 12,258.00	
District Audit		\$ 24,000.00	
Advertising		\$ 4,615.00	
Superintendent's Search		\$ 7,533.00	
District's Attorney		\$ 9,721.00	
Central Administration's Salaries		\$ 172,807.00	
Central Office Personnel		\$ 133,680.00	
Central Administration's Financial System		\$ 46,118.00	
Professional Subscription/Travel		\$ 1,837.00	
General Administrative Expenses		\$ 16,058.00	
Technology Specialists		\$ 243,876.00	
Technology Conf/Dues/Travel		\$ 1,148.00	
Technology Supplies		\$ 29,272.00	
		\$ 702,923.00	
2000 Instruction			
Special Needs Director's Salary		\$ 102,000.00	
Special Needs Secretary		\$ 31,668.00	
Special Needs Expenses		\$ 15,522.00	
Special Needs Director's Dues/Travel		\$ 2,057.00	
Special Needs Faculty		\$ 1,594,177.00	
Faculty Salaries		\$ 4,866,308.00	
Principals Salaries		\$ 528,901.00	
Principals Secretaries Salaries		\$ 208,994.00	
Office Expenses		\$ 15,335.00	
Conferences/Dues/Travel		\$ 8,635.00	
Substitutes		\$ 146,686.00	
Paraprofessionals		\$ 680,915.00	
Instructional Supplies		\$ 124,890.00	
Professional Development		\$ 136,046.00	
Textbooks		\$ 24,664.00	
Media Para Salary		\$ 40,496.00	
Library/Media		\$ 40,201.00	
Guidance Counselor's Salary		\$ 454,475.00	
Guidance Secretary's Salary		\$ 48,335.00	
Guidance Supplies		\$ 4,382.00	
Guidance Conf/Dues/Travel		\$ 723.00	
Testing Supplies		\$ 27,074.00	
School Psychologist			
		\$ 9,102,484.00	

<b>3000 Other School Services</b>			
School Physician		\$ 5,512.00	
Elementary Nurse Salaries		\$ 170,338.00	
Middle School Nurse's Salary		\$ 42,814.00	
High School Nurse's Salary		\$ 64,307.00	
Nurse Substitute		\$ 6,078.00	
Clinical Assistance		\$ 50,674.00	
Medical Supplies		\$ 5,491.00	
Medical Travel			
Transportation		\$ 559,532.00	
Special Needs Transportation		\$ 470,034.00	
Homeless Transportation		\$ 32,980.00	
Athletic Director		\$ 9,587.00	
Coaches		\$ 123,893.00	
Officials		\$ 28,189.00	
Athletic Support Services		\$ 10,719.00	
Athletic Supplies			
Athletic Conf/Dues/Travel		\$ 3,449.00	
Athletic Fields		\$ 6,717.00	
Athletic Transportation		\$ 51,266.00	
Student Activities/Graduation		\$ 7,134.00	
Academic Achievement		\$ 7,546.00	
		\$ 1,656,260.00	
<b>4000 Operation of Plant</b>			
Director of Buildings and Grounds		\$ 75,415.00	
Custodial Salaries		\$ 487,605.00	
Custodial Supplies		\$ 48,270.00	
Security HS/MS		\$ 32,727.00	
Building and Grounds Travel		\$ 265.00	
Fuel		\$ 137,613.00	
Electricity		\$ 208,538.00	
Telephones and Internet		\$ 95,557.00	
Water and Sewer		\$ 26,744.00	
Maintenance of Grounds		\$ 62,963.00	
Maintenance of Buildings		\$ 220,745.00	
Maintenance of Equipment		\$ 11,784.00	
		\$ 1,408,226.00	
<b>5000 Fixed Charges</b>			
Medical Insurance - Medicare Tax		\$ 153,527.00	
Medical Insurance -Active Employees		\$ 838,033.00	
Medical Insurance -Retired Employees- Worcester		\$ 70,345.00	
County Retirement		\$ 313,485.00	
Unemployment Compensation		\$ 50,574.00	
General Insurance		\$ 82,687.00	
Athletic Insurance		\$ 6,381.00	
Catastrophic Insurance		\$ 1,397.00	
Life Insurance		\$ 4,653.00	
Group Insurance-Retired Teachers		\$ 582,065.00	



FSA Plan		\$ 2,718.00	
Sick Time Buy Back		\$ 12,009.00	
Bank Charges			
Lease of Equipment		\$ 164,398.00	
		\$ 2,282,272.00	
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets			
Acquisition of Equipment		\$ 35,046.00	
		\$ 35,046.00	
8000 Debt Service			
Debt Service - Principal		\$ 1,597,000.00	
Debt Service - Interest		\$ 308,577.00	
		\$ 1,905,577.00	
9000 Programs With Other Schools			
Tuition to Massachusetts Schools			
School Choice Tuition		\$ 794,982.00	
Charter School Tuition		\$ 183,084.00	
Tuition to Non-Public Schools		\$ 232,706.00	
Tuition to Collaboratives		\$ 392,502.00	
		\$ 1,603,274.00	
Total Budget Expenditures		\$ 18,696,062.00	

## PLANNING BOARD

### Budget Summary FY 16

#### Line Item Budget Amounts

Line Item	Requested	Appropriated	Expended	Encumbered	Returned
Member Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Department Assistant	\$15401.00	\$15401.00	\$14858.58	0	\$ 542.42
Planner	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	0	\$0
Expenses	\$13,900.00	\$13900	\$13447.70	\$0.0	\$452.30

During the Fiscal Year 2016, the Planning Board Office continued to administer the French Quarters Subdivision. The French Quarters Sub Division roads will be submitted by the contractor for acceptance as town roads in the Spring 2017 Town Meeting.

In ongoing business, the Board endorsed three ANR's (Approval Not Required) divisions of land plan for a total six lots. Under the Site Plan Review Process, the Board held three Public Hearings for three site plans and at this writing, the Board is conducting a Public Hearing for a new airplane hangar at the Gardner Municipal Airport.

### Master Plan

Working in conjunction with the Montachusets Regional Planning Commission (MRPC), the Planning Board began work on the Templeton Master Plan in the summer of 2010. The Templeton Planning Board is pleased to announce that the Master Plan project has been completed. A Public Forum will be scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the public to provide comments and last minute inputs. The Planning Board will review the final document for approval. The approved document will be available at the Spring 2017 Town Meeting. This is the first update of the Town's Master Plan since 1967.

### MRPC

The MRPC has continued to be an important partner with the town's Planning Board. Their vast resources have assisted in many projects including the Templeton Master Plan, creating updated Maps to reflect zoning changes and during 2016, a committee was form to explore the possibilities of stimulating commercial growth in the town.

Planning Board meetings are scheduled the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings start at 06:30 PM at the Town Hall, Planning Board Office, 160 Patriots Road. Planning Board office hours are 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday through Thursday. There are no office hours on Friday.

The Planning Board office welcomes citizens' questions, comments or suggestions. Our phone number is 978-894-2767, or we can be contacted at [planning@templeton1.org](mailto:planning@templeton1.org).

Board Member: Kirk Moschetti, Chairman, Charlie Carroll, Vice Chairman, Tim Rotti, Clerk, Frank Moschetti, Dennis Rich, John Buckley and Christof Chartier, board members.

Staff: Carl Giacobone,

Planning Board Assistant.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT & DISPATCH

The Templeton police Department full-time personnel roster as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>
Chief Michael Bennett	09/95	Sgt. Derek Hall	03/97
Sgt. Steve Flis	09/02	Det/Cpl. Eric Smith	02/05
Cpl/SRO Brian Rosengren	11/05	Ofc. Edward Holden	08/06
Ofc. Daniel Donahue	07/14	Ofc. Nicholas Malnati	08/14
Ofc. Joseph Sarno	09/14		

Part-time Officers:

Ofc. Michael Ladeau	12/85	Ofc. Drew Duplessis	02/00
Ofc. Shawn McDonald	01/10	Ofc. Charlene Van Cott	09/12
Ofc. Michael Pierce	11/13	Ofc. Matthew Praplaski	11/13
Ofc. Travis Trudi	11/13	Ofc. James Halkola	08/16
Ofc. Donald Blood	09/16	Ofc. Sean Sawicki	09/16
Ofc. Blakeley Pottinger	09/16		

The Templeton Dispatch Center full-time personnel roster as follows:

Disp. Karen Hannula	04/92	Disp. Walter Flis	12/02
Disp. Eric Baker	11/02	Disp. Sherrie O'Donnell	03/01
Disp. Natasha Bourque	10/14		

Part-time Dispatchers:

Disp. Charlene Van Cott	09/12	Disp. Max Rameau	10/14
Disp. Andrew Davis	09/16		

Police Department Budget Breakdown:

Chief Salary	\$91,131.00
Police Department Salaries	\$663,067.00
Police Department Expenses	\$50,000.00
Total	\$804,198.00

#### Dispatch Center Budget Breakdown:

Dispatch Center Salaries	\$299,389.00
Dispatch Center Expenses	\$30,211.00
Dispatch Center Training	\$5,000.00
Total	\$334,590.00

#### Templeton Police Department Analysis from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016:

Arrest	85
Incident/Investigations	394
Restraining Orders	56
Parking Tickets	27
MV Citations	752
MV Accidents	111
FID/LTC Issued	219
Police Calls for Service	12,549
Total Calls to Dispatch	17,401

## RECREATION COMMISSION

The Templeton Recreation Commission was pleased to see some funding returned and it will allow the programs to run under the town budget. We spent the first part of the Fiscal year rebuilding from the severe budget cuts that faced Templeton in the FY 14 and FY 15. To Recap, in the end of FY14, the Recreation budget was zeroed to assist in balancing a budget oversight. The understanding from the Advisory Board and Select Board was the Recreation Commission had funds available for FY15 through donations that could be used to run programs and therefore received a Zero FY15 budget. This was wrong. There were no such funds available, and the Recreation Commission had to suspend all activities until a solution could be found. The results were immediately realized by the Recreation Commission; however the Town would feel this throughout FY15 and into the first part of FY16.

Chairman Davis was contacted in the early part of the FY 16 Budget process by Interim Town Administrator Markel and had one conversation to discuss the proposed funding for FY 16. The board was offered \$4280 for Salaries and \$4280 for Expenses. We were happy to have a budget, but we had asked for much more than were given to us to operate.

The Recreation Commission decided that the Swimming, Soccer, Basketball and Softball programs could be funded; however we were not able to offer a Summer Playground program. We hope to add this in the summer of 2016. The Commission used budget monies to support the Recreation programs with supplies and salaries where needed. Monies were also typically spent on field maintenance in our partnership with the Cemetery and Parks Department and Board.

As always, our programs are open to Templeton and Philipston kids, along with any child who school choices to our school district.

The Swim Program had to be cancelled for the summer of 2015. We were able to bring this program back for FY16, offered free of cost to the town children. This was an overwhelming request not to charge for this, as it is a “Life-saving” program. Our Director Terry Griffis returned and reported a successful summer. The folks at the Templeton Rod and Gun allow us to use their beach to host the program. There was a \$127.00 fee paid to repair to the Row Boat, and the director and her 2 primary staff were paid for their efforts. We thank Terry for her work and look forward to having the program again in the summer of 2016.

Recreation Soccer program was run by first year Directors Matt and Liz Syring after replacing the previous directors, Mark and Erin Davis who left after the 2014 Soccer season. Since Recreation was non-existent in FY15, Mark and Erin had to either cancel or find another solution. Recreation Soccer needed to find private insurance to run on town property or be cancelled for the fall. The program reached out to WestPoint Insurance in Chicago Illinois. Narragansett Youth Soccer secured general liability insurance at the cost of \$850.00 for the 2-month season, a cost that had to be placed on the parents in the form of increased fees.

Now that Recreation was funded again, Soccer was able to return to the town umbrella for insurance. Matt and Liz supplemented the fees collected with many fundraisers and team sponsors; each listed on the back of the coaches’ shirts and on a banner hung at Gilman Waite Fields. The season started with a Skills Clinic run by the Syring’s, the other soccer coaches and the members of the Narragansett Girls Varsity Soccer Team, who used this as their community service project. Since I am also the Varsity coach and a former Soccer Director, I felt it was important for my girls to return to the Rec Soccer program and give back to the youth players.

Narragansett Youth Soccer played its games Sundays at the Gilman Waite fields. Age groups were under 7, under 10 and under 12. Mark Davis once again coordinated the training of referees, while Liz and Matt and other coaches handled the field maintenance and line painting, and all the day to day operations of the soccer program and they had a successful season. Matt and Liz received a small salary payment to offset their efforts. The Recreation Commission would like to thank Mark and Erin for their 6 years of service to the town.

Narragansett Youth Basketball began in December of 2015, now under the direction of Scott Dill. Pete Kodys retired in 2014 after an 8-year run as the program director. The program ran on Saturdays at Narragansett Middle and High School. Age groups were based on school age. The groups were 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade played co-ed while 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade played boys and girls only teams. There was no mid-week practice time available to the program due to limited gym space.

Scott used Varsity and JV players from Narragansett Basketball teams to be the referee’s, and he brought in many sponsors to help grow the program again. Scott ran a year end banquet and Coaches V. Kids game, one that many who attended said was a highlight of the season. Scott received a small salary payment for his efforts. Scott proposed work is done to the outside courts at Gilman Waite to give the adults and youth a place to play during the warmer months. This is being explored by both Recreation and Parks/Cemetery.

Narragansett Youth Softball continued to play in the travel league in 2016, a league they joined in FY15. The previous year (FY14) the program was only able to field 7 total teams due to lower than normal registration numbers. Softball Director Sonja Davis decided to move the program from a town league and begin play in the North Central Massachusetts Softball League in the spring of 2015.

This Babe Ruth Softball league allowed the softball program to run teams in 3 different levels based on age and ability. Narragansett entered 1-8yo and under Instructional (Coach Pitch) team, 2-12yo and under minor league teams and 2-12yo and under major league teams. Games were played throughout the week at the Gilman Waite complex.

Since the program joined Babe Ruth softball in 2015, the fees increased from \$30 a player to \$75 a player. This funded replacing 6 sets of catching gear and every team received new batting helmets in 2015. Monies were spent by the league in 2016 to supplement more helmets and pay for umpires, an added cost of playing a travel league. Narragansett Youth Softball started the 2016 season with the reigning Minor League and Major League champions. The season played out well for Narragansett Youth Softball, once again having teams play for the championship in the end of the year playoffs. Unfortunately, this season ended with our teams on the outside of the championship, but the coaches and girls look forward to the 2017 season.

The Recreation Commission along with the coaches from the league and the high school feel the move to a traveling league definitely increased the exposure and the competitiveness of the softball program. Sonja received a small salary payment to offset her efforts. Sonja announced that she will not be returning for the 2017 season as softball Director. She is willing to work with the new directors, but it is time to move away from Rec Softball.

During meetings with the Advisory Board in the spring of 2016, Chairman Davis asked for additional funding in our Salary account of \$4000 to fund a small Summer Playground program and pay for directors and counselors. This would give the town a 3 days/week for 3 hours/day program of games, activities and projects, free of charge to the town's children. Recreation feels this program is good for the town and the children; it gives them things to do in the summer time. We also wish to explore Adult programs and activities.

Recreation added one new member during the FY16. Dan Theriault replaced one open seat on the board, leaving one open seat to be filled in FY17. In the last week of the FY16, Fertilizer and Lime was purchased for the first time since 2012 for the Gilman Waite fields, and it will be applied late in the summer and early in the fall.

In the upcoming Fiscal year the Recreation Commission looks to expand the Playground program to a 5 day a week program for 3 weeks in July 2017, as well as to provide support to the other town recreation programs for the children.

#### Board Members FY 16

William Davis-Chairman  
Phil Moulton-Vice Chairman  
Barry Janssen-Member

Josh Koziol –Treasurer  
Joy Taintor-Secretary  
Dan Theriault-member  
Open Seat

Respectfully Submitted  
William Davis- Chairman

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Town of Templeton Scholarship Fund Awards for May 2016 have been awarded to the following students:

Dominique Balzora Rivert  
Ben Bresee  
Bailey Culver  
Clothilde Donarumo  
Victoria Donarumo  
Joshua Eaton  
Trevor Haley  
Erik Hamel  
Connor Kelly  
Destiny Lamoureau  
Leah Steigerwald  
Oliver Titus  
Cameron Whittle  
Conner Whittle  
Evan Mattson

Respectfully submitted,  
John L. Brooks, Chairman  
Templeton Scholarship Committee

## **SENIOR CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The committee went into our eleventh year at full speed. Construction on the upstairs was moving forward at a rapid pace. All the hard work by the committee, countless volunteers, the COA staff, and our contractors paid off when the building inspector issued a temporary occupancy permit in August to open the upper level. The open items the building inspector identified were quickly completed except for the exterior siding. Unfortunately, an anticipated donation of the siding did not come to fruition. Due to the extremely high cost of the HVAC system there was not enough money left in the construction budget to complete the exterior siding. Once the upstairs was open and the COA had moved out of Scout Hall the committee evaluated what work still needed to be done, and what was left in the budget. The three primary things that still needed to be done were the exterior siding, the food pantry, and the kitchen. The committee felt there were opportunities for fundraising and possible donations for the siding. The food pantry was located in a garage in Baldwinville that was in serious need of major repairs, and the committee felt that completing the new food pantry should be the next priority. Construction was completed over the winter months and in April the food pantry was moved from the Baldwinville garage to its new home on the lower level of the new senior center.

Committee Members: The contributions and efforts of the committee members both past and present are appreciated.

2 – Members at Large Frank Moschetti William Harris	2 – COA Board Members Herb Ferran Priscilla LeClerc	2 – Select Board Members Doug Morrison Julie Richard
1 – Zoning Board Member Vacant	1 – Ex-officio Member Dianna Morrison – COA Director	

Financial Summary:

Unexpended funds are carried over to the next fiscal year until the project is completed.

Purpose	Appropriations		
	Prior Years	FY2016	Total
ZBA Senior Center Fund	228,000	0	228,000
Debt Exclusion	500,000	0	500,000
State Grant	300,000	0	300,000
Totals	1,028,000	0	1,028,000

Financial Summary continued:

Unexpended funds are carried over to the next fiscal year until the project is completed.

Purpose	Expenditures*		
	Prior Years	FY2015	Total
Legal Expense	13,737	0	13,737
Engineering	45,467	0	45,467
Building Move	12,320	0	12,320
Foundation/Structural Steel	126,198	0	126,198
Building Set	22,400	0	22,400
Fire Sprinkler System	29,258	0	29,258
Electrical	8,375	0	8,375
Plumbing	37,601	12,493	50,094
HVAC	168,238	47,480	215,718
Road Construction	8,941	43,900	52,842
General Construction	302,378	49,329	353,344
Furniture & Equipment	27,464	0	27,464
Totals	802,377	153,202	955,579

*\*Numbers have not been verified with the accountant.*

Recap:

FY'06 – The committee evaluated the feasibility of renovating the 9 Main Street, Otter River facility for a senior center, and determined that the rehab would be too expensive and only provide a short-term solution.



FY'07 – The committee researched State guidelines for senior centers and visited other senior centers in towns with similar senior populations as Templeton to develop a senior center model that would adequately serve the seniors for the next 40 years.

FY'08 – The committee looked at properties within Town that might be suitable for a senior center, but all needed significant rehab and only had a useful life of about 10 years.

FY'09 – The committee determined that the most fiscally responsible approach to a long term senior center solution would be to build a new facility and that modular construction would deliver the highest quality building, for the lowest cost, and in the shortest period of time.

FY'10 – The committee finalized the donation of three acres of land, obtained the donation of two modular buildings, and received voter approval for a debt exclusion.

FY'11 – The committee request to allow the other Town departments to assist the project with labor, Town equipment, and expertise as they could was approved by the Board of Selectmen. A local architect, structural engineer, and site engineer were contracted to start the design and permitting process.

FY'12 – The committee obtained the necessary permits to start construction. The Highway Department did the excavation which saved the taxpayers an estimated 200,000 dollars. The committee is writing and publishing bid specs for various aspects of work which saved the taxpayers an additional estimated 70,000 dollars.

FY'13 – The committee was fortunate to have William Harris, a town resident who is well respected in the industry and a highly qualified general contractor, volunteer his services to the project. He has been a valuable asset to the project and provided a lot of insight that the committee was lacking. The modular buildings were set on the foundation and made weather tight. The site excavation and underground utility connections were completed. The road and parking lot were built and the base layer of asphalt was applied.

FY'14 – The committee was infused with new ideas from the new COA director. Time was taken to review cost and feasibility of the proposed changes. Many were incorporated into the design and other were deemed too costly to the project. Fortunately, Monty Tech was able to supply construction and plumbing crews which helped to offset the cost of the changes.

FY'15 – The committee recognized that the budget was not going to be sufficient to complete the entire project. The focus became getting the upstairs open. The upstairs rear exits were redesigned to be less maintenance intensive and provide easier access. The HVAC bids came in three times higher than projected. A new COA director came onboard. Senator Brewer secured a 300,000 dollar State grant to continue the senior center construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Morrison – Chairman – Senior Center Oversight Committee

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The composition of the Board of Sewer Commissioners remained unchanged with the reelection of Mr. Robert Dennis in the May election. Mr. Mark Moschetti was voted to remain as Chairman of the Board of Sewer Commissioners at the June monthly meeting.

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)

- The average monthly flow to the WWTP was 252,000 gallons per day or 42% of the design capacity.
- Emptied the flow equalization tank for yearly maintenance and algae removal.
- Employees excavated and constructed a concrete drain pad to contain septage spillage.
- Replaced filter cloths on tertiary treatment disc filter.
- Installed an interior gate to sludge monofill to stop dirt bike riders.
- Drained, cleaned and inspected sludge holding tank.
- Dismantled old boiler and associated pipework to convert the boiler room to a records storage area.
- Constructed a new magnesium hydroxide feed system to allow better control of WWTP effluent pH.

### SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Took by eminent domain, an unbuildable portion of the Pleasant Street pump station lot.
- Completed the design for the Pleasant Street pump station replacement project.
- Finalized funding of 25% grant and 75% loan through the USDA to fund the Pleasant Street pump station replacement project.
- Took ownership of the Cook Pond Estates pump station and force main after Town Meeting approval.
- There were 1,417 residences served by the municipal sewer system.

### FINANCIAL

- Continued and expanded small claims court action against very delinquent sewer users.
- At the close of fiscal year 2016, the department was owed \$127,034 in overdue sewer charges.
- Sewer user rates were increased by 20%.
- An additional \$80,000 was appropriated at the Fall Special Town Meeting to cover operational expenses.
- The department continued to use road sweepings and catch basin cleanings provided by the highway department and others for landfill cover thereby greatly reducing the money spent on gravel.

### PERSONNEL

- The Sewer Administrative Assistant was absent for about half the year due to injury.
- Hired Timothy Caisse as a part time sewer laborer.
- Margo Bombard continued serving as a part time office assistant through the senior tax work off program.

Respectfully submitted, Kent Songer, Superintendent, Mark Moschetti, Chairman  
Tom Jeleniewski, Member, Bob Dennis, Member

Actual FY 2016

Expenses:

Office Supplies & Phones	\$ 10,187.74
Tolls & Mileage	\$ 458.34
Dues, Licenses, Seminars	\$ 2,763.65
Uniforms & Shoes	\$ 5,428.65
Benefits (Medical/Dental)	\$ 80,148.03
Prop, Casualty, Work Comp, Unemp.	\$ 87,580.92
Gas & Diesel	\$ 5,359.24
Tools & Supplies	\$ 1,939.10
Vehicles Repairs	\$ 13,504.31
Chemicals	\$ 56,824.04
Lab Testing & Supplies	\$ 22,710.36
Gardner Treatment Plant	\$ 18,964.83
Heating Oil	\$ 5,065.68
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,506.44
Legal Services	\$ 46,100.71
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 4,562.45
Station Alarms & Phones	\$ 8,749.08
Station Maintenance	\$ 48,731.64
Station Electric	\$ 27,755.00
WWTP Electric	\$127,676.34
WWTP Water	\$ 7,706.05
WWTP Maintenance	\$ 64,335.38
Water Readings	\$ 10,709.10
Capital Projects	\$ 39,160.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 703,927.08

Salaries:

Sewer \$ WWTP Salaries	\$ 329,775.16
Sewer Commissioners	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL SALARIES	\$ 335,775.16
TOTAL EXPENSES & SALARIES	\$1,039,702.20

SUMMARY:

Total Meeting Appropriation	\$1,060,029.00
Total Receipts for FY 2016	\$1,034,153.00
Total Expenses & Salaries	\$1,039,702.20

FY 2016 BILLED TO SEWER USERS \$ 903,648.67

## **TOWN FINANCE TEAM**

### **Notice of Omitted Financial Information**

Unfortunately, due to the long outstanding lack of completed audits, information, we were not able to include certain financial information from the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer/Collector in this Fiscal Year 2016 issue of our Annual Report. This is the same situation that existed for the reporting years of Fiscal 2013, 2014, and 2015. This situation has finally been resolved with the anticipated release of the audits for all four of these years happening almost simultaneously with the release of this Annual Report.

Therefore, we will be issuing a special bound report to the community by 6/30/2017 containing the audited information from the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer/Collector for FY 2013 through FY 2016. A special notice to the community will be made at the time of this happening and a copy placed upon our Town web site. You may sign up to receive all such News and Announcements by email as they are made by going to <http://www.templeton1.org/subscribe> and scroll to the bottom and click on the box next to “Town News & Announcements” under the category of “News or Announcement”. Then click on “Subscribe Me” and the system will ask for your email address and for you to confirm.

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

See Above ~ Financial Notice

## TREASURER/COLLECTOR

<u>FISCAL 2016</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REAL ESTATE	\$ 8,602,249.99	\$21,458.36	\$8,623,708.35
SEWER LIENS	\$32,067.08	-	\$32,067.08
ELECTRIC LIENS	\$24,288.36	-	\$24,288.36
WATER LIENS	\$9,854.45	-	\$9,854.45
SEWER			
BETTERMENT	\$79,020.44	-	\$79,020.44
BETTERMENT			
INTEREST	\$9,994.78	-	\$9,994.78
CPA	\$116,705.14	\$263.89	\$116,969.03
SUPPLEMENTAL			
CPA	\$184.80	-	\$184.80
SUPPLEMENTAL			
TAX	\$8,275.00	-	\$8,275.00
TITLE V SEWER	\$19,804.22	-	\$19,804.22
TITLE V INTEREST	\$9,576.96	-	\$9,576.96
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$153,114.01	\$203.02	\$153,317.03
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$856,692.67	\$1,333.77	\$858,026.44
	<u>\$9,921,827.90</u>	<u>\$23,259.04</u>	<u>\$ 9,945,086.94</u>

<u>FISCAL 2015</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REAL ESTATE	\$201,281.79	\$28,899.59	\$230,181.38
SEWER LIENS	\$3,155.81	-	\$3,155.81
SEWER			
BETTERMENT	\$4,251.81	-	\$4,251.81
BETTERMENT			
INTEREST	\$886.38	-	\$886.38
CPA	\$2,439.81	\$319.84	\$2,759.65
SUPPLEMENTAL			
CPA	\$5.28	\$0.02	\$5.30
SUPPLEMENTAL			
TAX	\$255.15	\$0.28	\$255.43
TITLE V INTEREST	\$88.93	-	\$88.93
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$995.68	\$153.06	\$1,148.74
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$172,446.98	\$4,153.15	\$176,600.13
	<u>\$385,807.62</u>	<u>\$33,525.94</u>	<u>\$419,333.56</u>

<u>FISCAL 2014</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REAL ESTATE	\$79,444.83	\$17,824.83	\$97,269.66
SEWER LIENS	\$1,990.25	-	\$1,990.25
SEWER			
BETTERMENT	\$1,852.66	-	\$1,852.66
BETTERMENT			
INTEREST	\$568.58	-	\$568.58
CPA	\$871.81	\$191.04	\$1,062.85
TITLE V	\$1,088.75	-	\$1,088.75
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$3,751.48	\$941.87	\$4,693.35
TITLE V INTEREST	\$748.86	-	\$748.86
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$17,882.84	\$3,106.57	\$20,989.41
	<u>\$108,200.06</u>	<u>\$22,064.31</u>	<u>\$130,264.37</u>

<u>FISCAL 2013</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REAL ESTATE	\$14,219.80	\$5,281.54	\$19,501.34
SEWER LIENS	\$238.26	-	\$238.26
SEWER			
BETTERMENT	\$357.20	-	\$357.20
BETTERMENT			
INTEREST	\$62.25	-	\$62.25
CPA	\$77.28	\$39.71	\$116.99
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$238.22	\$97.98	\$336.20
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$2,886.87	\$669.68	\$3,556.55
	<u>\$18,079.88</u>	<u>\$6,088.91</u>	<u>\$24,168.79</u>

<u>FISCAL 2012</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REAL ESTATE	\$4,962.77	\$2,474.53	\$7,437.30
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$306.15	\$164.99	\$471.14
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$771.15	\$230.67	\$1,001.82
	<u>\$6,040.07</u>	<u>\$2,870.19</u>	<u>\$8,910.26</u>

<u>FISCAL 2011</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REAL ESTATE	\$491.11	\$514.89	\$1,006.00
SEWER			
BETTERMENT	\$42.10	-	\$42.10
BETTERMENT			
INTEREST	\$12.63	-	\$12.63

CPA	\$20.85	\$16.64	\$37.49
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$231.02	\$147.44	\$378.46
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$262.92	\$151.91	\$414.83
	<u>\$1,060.63</u>	<u>\$830.88</u>	<u>\$1,891.51</u>
<u>FISCAL 2010</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$202.09	\$171.31	\$373.40
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$470.21	\$310.18	\$780.39
	<u>\$672.30</u>	<u>\$481.49</u>	<u>\$1,153.79</u>
<u>FISCAL 2009</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$11.26	\$10.85	\$22.11
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$205.42	\$168.94	\$374.36
	<u>\$216.68</u>	<u>\$179.79</u>	<u>\$396.47</u>
<u>FISCAL 2008</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PERSONAL			
PROPERTY	\$10.16	\$11.24	\$21.40
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$216.26	\$203.61	\$419.87
	<u>\$226.42</u>	<u>\$214.85</u>	<u>\$441.27</u>
<u>FISCAL 2007</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$54.17	\$53.85	\$108.02
	<u>\$54.17</u>	<u>\$53.85</u>	<u>\$108.02</u>
<u>FISCAL 2006</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$26.25	\$26.25	\$52.50
	<u>\$26.25</u>	<u>\$26.25</u>	<u>\$52.50</u>
<u>FISCAL 2005</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE			
EXCISE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fred C. Henshaw, Chairman  
Bradley Lehtonen, Clerk  
John Brooks, Member  
Luanne Royer, Deputy Assessor  
Susan O'Coin, Administrative Assistant

The Board of Assessor members are elected to a three-year term. The primary responsibility of the Board of Assessors is to accurately and fairly assess all property in the Town of Templeton at full and fair cash value. The town reviews sales and the market every year and thereby reassesses values each year. The town is mandated by the Department of Revenue for Recertification (every 3 years) and Cyclical Inspections (every 9 years) with the Division of Local Services. FY16 was both a recertification and cyclical inspection year.

The Assessors do not raise or lower taxes. Taxes are assessed in an amount sufficient to cover the State and Local appropriations chargeable to the Town. These taxes assessed will include State assessments which have been duly certified to the Board and local appropriations voted at the Town Meeting for schools, town departments, roads, fire, law enforcement, etc. The tax rate is simply the rate that will provide the funds to pay for these services.

In addition, the Office administers the processing of Motor Vehicle Excise tax bills generated from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. We review Elderly Exemption Applications, Widow/Widower & Senior Exemption Applications (70 yrs or older), Veteran Exemptions and the Senior Work-off Program. We evaluate all Chapter Land Applications. We commit Sewer Betterments, Title V Loans, Water, Sewer, Electric and Trash Liens and Community Preservation Tax to the Tax Bills. Real Estate, Personal Property & Motor Vehicle Abatements Applications are processed in our office. All Deed changes and sales of properties are recorded in the office. The Assessor's Office is the prime source of information regarding title and valuation of all Real and Personal Property accounts for the Town. *We are committed to providing timely, accurate and courteous service to all the Citizens of Templeton.*

The composition of the Board of Assessors remains the same, with Fred Henshaw being re-elected to the board in May 2015 for another 3-year term.

The office continues to be fully staffed. Thank you to the Town of Templeton residents for your support at annual town meeting.

Tax Rate for FY2016 – \$16.47 per \$1,000    \$1 on the Tax Rate raises \$556,659.00

### *Real Estate Assessment Classifications FY2016*

Residential – 3,527 Parcels- \$484,501,400.00  
Commercial – 233 Parcels- \$27,345,900.00  
Industrial – 78 Parcels- \$18,164,700.00  
Mixed Use – 52 Parcels- \$16,089,400.00  
Chapter 61 Forestry – 19 Parcels- \$43,211.00  
Chapter 61A Agriculture/Horticulture – 21 Parcels- \$119,439.00



Chapter 61B Recreational – 19 Parcels- \$579,225.00  
Total Taxable Real Estate – 3949 Parcels- \$546,843,275.00  
Exempt Properties – 293 Parcels - \$71,832,150.00  
Personal Property – 297 Accounts- \$9,816,172.00

*FY2016 Commitments, Abatements & Exemptions to Collector/Treasurer & Accountant*

Real Estate Tax - \$9,006,510.67  
Real Estate Supplemental Tax - \$12,483.04  
Omitted & Revised Tax-None  
Personal Property Tax - \$161,672.42  
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - \$1,076,722.76  
2002 Sewer Betterments – Principal - \$23,832.45  
Interest - \$8,138.89  
2006 Sewer Betterments – Principal - \$62,127.68  
Interest - \$3,122.04  
Title V – Principal - \$21,158.22  
Interest- \$10,527.39  
Water Liens –\$13,620.21  
Sewer Liens –\$35,839.91  
Electric Liens- \$27,502.19  
Trash Liens-None  
CPA Surcharge Tax - \$125,874.57  
In Lieu of Taxes-City of Gardner-\$1,635.47  
In Lieu of Taxes-Templeton Housing Authority-\$2,381.06  
Real Estate Abatements Granted - \$ 4,260.65  
Real Estate Exemptions Granted - \$ 93,070.00  
Senior Work-Off Exemptions Granted - \$1,000.00  
Personal Property Abatements Granted - \$ 2,478.93  
CPA Surcharge Abatements/Exemptions Granted -5,032.07  
Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted - \$37,574.39

FY16 Miscellaneous Information  
Cherry Sheet Reimbursements  
Exemptions - \$60,635.00 State Owned Land - \$82,220.00  
Plans filed at Worcester Registry – 6  
Deed Sales/Ownership Changes -277  
Foreclosure Deeds – 21

*FY2016 VOTED BUDGET BREAKDOWNS*

<i>Deputy Assessor Salary Account</i>	Voted Budget ATM	\$ 44,338.00
	Add'l Increase Voted	<u>11,065.00</u>
		\$ 55,403.00
	Deputy Assessor Salary Spent	<u>\$ 55,401.60</u>
	Money turned back	\$ 1.40

<i>Admin Assistant Salary Account</i>	Voted Budget ATM	\$ 13,530.00
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	Add'l Increase Voted	<u>432.00</u>
		\$13,962.00
	Admin Asst Salary Spent	<u>\$13,883.87</u>
	<i>Money turned back</i>	\$ 78.13
<i>Assessors Office Expenses</i>	Voted Budget ATM	\$ 7,500.00
Actual Expenses	Software support/technology	\$ 4,250.00
	MAAO Dues/Courses	1,190.00
	Worcester Registry of Deeds	14.00
	Postage	463.95
	Subscriptions	187.20
	Office Supplies	1,311.66
	Record Preservation	<u>52.50</u>
	Expenses Spent	<u>\$ 7,469.31</u>
	<i>Money turned back</i>	\$ 30.69
<i>Mapping – Voted Budget ATM \$4,000.00</i>	Mapping Spent	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Assessors Revaluation Account</i>	Rolled over from FY2015	\$ 27,083.94
	Voted at ATM	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
		\$ 57,083.94
	Revaluation Money Spent	<u>\$ 42,365.40</u>
	<i>Money rolled over from FY2016</i>	\$ 14,718.54

Respectfully prepared and submitted,

Luanne E. Royer, Deputy Assessor

Approved by the Board of Assessor's, Signature's on file

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
Fred C. Henshaw, Chairman  
Bradley Lehtonen, Clerk  
John Brooks, Member

## TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Accounts voted @ Annual Town Meeting 5/14/15

Town Clerk Salary	\$42,236.00
Expended	<u>\$42,160.28</u>
Taken for Group Insurance	\$ 75.72

Asst. Town Clerk Salary	\$13,135.00
Expended	<u>\$13,051.67</u>
Turned Back to the Town	\$ 83.33
Town Clerk Office Expense	\$25,100.00
Expended	<u>\$24,621.72</u>
Turned Back to the Town	\$ 478.28

Turnovers back to the Town:

Dog Licenses	\$10,354.00
Dog Fines	\$ 475.00
By-Law Books	\$ 0.00
Raffles	\$ 70.00
St. List Books	\$ 230.00
Business Certificates	\$ 1,020.00
Junk Yard Licenses	\$ 50.00
Underground Storage	
Registrations	\$ 70.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 490.00
Maps	\$ 3.00
Certified Copies	\$ 3,440.00
Copies	\$ 57.60
Possession of Marijuana	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 9.50</u>

Total Turnover back to the Town	\$16,369.10
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Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Harris

## VITAL STATISTICS

<b>Births:</b>	Males	31
	Females	33
<b>Marriages:</b>	Male Residents	12
	Male Non-Residents	3
	Female Residents	12
	Female Non-Residents	3
<b>Deaths:</b>	Males	32
	Females	49

DUE TO THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY ACT, WE WILL NO LONGER BE  
ALLOWED TO PRINT THE NAMES, DATES, AND ADDRESSES OF OUR  
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, OR DEATHS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Harris,  
Town Clerk of Templeton

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### TOWN OF TEMPLETON WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 14, 2015

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

The Town Meeting was opened by Carol Harris, Town Clerk.  
Nominations were accepted for the position of Temporary Moderator.  
Derek Hall was elected as Temporary moderator for this special town meeting.

## FY 2015 FINANCIAL ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to approve financial transfers within the Fiscal 2015 operating budget.

*Summary: This article involves transfers from certain accounts that have funds available to accounts that are short of funds to finish the fiscal year. The accounts that are underfunded are group and general insurance, veteran's benefits, and the unemployment account. These are transfer within the 2015 operating budget; there are no new appropriations and no additions to the tax levy.*

Main motion: I move that the Town vote approve the following financial transfers:

Account	Description	Move From		Account	Description	Move To
01-135-5400-5421	Town Acct Exp	\$2,440.47		01-543-5700-5700	Veterans Benefits	\$5,216.59
01-145-5400-5422	Tax Taking Exp	\$2,372.18				
01-210-5400-5421	Police Dept Exp	\$403.94				
01-296-5400-5421	Comm. Exp	\$3,392.00		01-913-5100-5171	Unemployment	\$7,191.55
01-175-5400-5421	Planning Board Exp	\$3,799.55				
01-175-5400-5421	Planning Board Exp	\$60.16		01-945-5700-5741	Group Insurance	\$68,314.34
01-210-5400-5421	Police Dept Exp	\$542.60				
01-192-5200-5200	Town Vehicle Gas	2,269.13				
01-192-5200-5201	Town Vehicle Diesel	\$8,572.85				
01-296-5400-5422	Comm. Training Exp	\$56.16				
01-300-5200-5626	Mont Reg. Voc Tech	\$6.00				
01-451-5400-5421	Highway Exp	\$8,037.18				
01-491-5400-5421	Cemetery Exp	\$2,378.95				
01-610-5400-5582	Library Exp	\$11,041.14				
01-710-5900-5923	Debt	\$10.48				

01-725-5900-5924	Short Term Int.	\$2,243.79			
03-500-5015-5025	Art 22 – East Temp School	\$2,617.27			
01-491-5400-5421	Play Ground	\$30,478.63			
01-491-5400-5421	Play Ground	\$52,435.36		01-945-5700-5743	General Insurance
	Total	\$133,157.84		Total	\$133,157.84

Passed@ 7:14 pm

A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

Passed Unanimously @ 7:15 pm

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 29th day of June in the year AD 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Julie Richard, Member

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Kenn Robinson, Member

#### OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

July 1, 2015

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, The Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street in Baldwinville and at 160

Patriots Road in Templeton and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper in said County in the city of Gardner.

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John White  
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 7-14-2015  
Voters Total 22

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TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 27, 2015

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Monday, July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.,

then and there to act on the following articles:

COOK POND ESTATES SEWER PUMP

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to acquire by purchase of \$1 the parcel located off Hubbardston Road in Templeton known as Map 3-13, Parcel 30-13 and any portion thereof, interests therein, and improvements thereto, including the sewer pump station, and the sewer force main located in the rights of way and serving the subdivision known as Cook Pond Estates as shown on the subdivision plan containing 11 sheets and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 796, as Plan No. 86 together with permanent easements within such rights of way as shown on such plan for access, maintenance and all purposes related to the operation of said sewer force main; to see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for such purpose; or take any other action related thereto.

*Submitted by Sarah Ferragamo and 115 Residents*

A motion was made by Garth Weiderman, which was duly made and seconded that the Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Templeton be authorized to acquire by purchase for \$1 the parcel located off Hubbardston Road in Templeton known as Map 3-13, Parcel 30-13 and any portion thereof, interests therein, and improvements thereto including the pump station, and the sewer force main located in the rights of way along Hubbardston Road and serving the subdivision known as Cook Pond Estates as shown on the subdivision plan containing 11 sheets and recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 796, as Plan No. 86 together with permanent easements within such rights of way as shown on such plan for access, maintenance and all purposes related to the operation and maintenance of the pump station and sewer force main; or take any other action related thereto.

Kent Songer & Att. Mark Goldstein were allowed to speak.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

Passed @ 7:24 pm

Main Motion

Passed @ 7:25 pm

A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Passed @ 7:26 pm

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 13th day of July in the year AD 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Morrison, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Richard, Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kenn Robinson, Member

#### OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

July 14, 2015

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, The Post Office in East Templeton, the Post



Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street in Baldwinville and at 160 Patriots Road in Templeton and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper in said County in the city of Gardner.

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John White  
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:  
Carol Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 7-27-2015  
Voters Total 125

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TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
November 9, 2015

WORCESTER, ss.

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Monday, November 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

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The Town Meeting was opened by Carol Harris, Town Clerk.  
Nominations were accepted for the position of Temporary Moderator.  
Derek Hall was elected as Temporary moderator for this special town meeting.  
Carol Harris was appointed by Derek Hall to be the assistant moderator for Article 2.

DEBT AUTHORIZATION: TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new *Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton MA*, including the payment of all

costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town, through Narragansett Regional School District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA through the Narragansett Regional School District, shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive through the *Narragansett Regional School District*, from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 62.84% of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Narragansett Regional School Committee*

A Motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

Passed by 2/3/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:13pm

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the amount of Forty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$47,563,184) for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town, through Narragansett Regional School District, may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; The Town acknowledges that MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA, through the Narragansett Regional School District, shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town, through the Narragansett regional School District, may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of: (1) Sixty-Two and Eighty-Four Hundredths Percent (62.84%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, section 21C "Proposition 2 ½"; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduce by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Narragansett Regional School District and the MSBA.

Passed by 2/3/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:14

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 1.

Defeated/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:16

DEBT AUTHORIZATION: POLICE STATION UPGRADE

To see if the Town of Templeton will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under direction of the Selectmen to pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping a 4,000 square foot addition to and remodeling of the Templeton Police Station, located at 33 South Road, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000) to pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping a 4,000 square foot addition to and remodeling of the Templeton Police Station, located at 33 South Road, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. 44, Section 7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; provided, however, that no sum shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (also known as Proposition 2 ½).

Passed Unanimously/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:33

#### FISCAL 2015 UNPAID BILLS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to pay for unpaid bills from prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Seven cents (\$135.37) from the FY'16 tax levy and Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$897.20) from Sewer Department revenues to pay bills remaining from Fiscal 2015.

Passed Unanimously/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:35

#### FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the Annual Operating Budget, by making the following transfers:

From	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name
1000-951-900-53-5305-0000	TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	\$5,000	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	DEPUTY ASSESSORS' OFFICE SALARY
9010-200-000-00-2300-0020	PLANNING RESERVE – DETENTION PONDS	\$48,040	1000-421-400-54-5420-0000	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - EXPENSES
1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$19,000	1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES

1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$14,000	1000-135-100-54-5420-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-220-200-54-5420-0000	FIRE/EMS EXPENSE	111,608.50	NO ACCT. NUMBER	2015 SNOW & ICE DEFICIT

or take any other action related thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

A Substitute motion was duly made and seconded to vote on each item separately.

Defeated/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:48 pm

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer funds within the Fiscal 2016 annual Operating Budget as follows:

From	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name
1000-951-900-53-5305-0000	TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	\$5,000	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	DEPUTY ASSESSORS' OFFICE SALARY
9010-200-000-00-2300-0020	PLANNING RESERVE – DETENTION PONDS	\$16,000	1000-421-400-54-5420-0000	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - EXPENSES
9010-200-000-00-2300-0020	PLANNING RESERVE – DETENTION PONDS	\$32,000	1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$19,000	1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$14,000	1000-135-100-54-5420-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	FIRE/EMS SALARY	111,608.50	NO ACCT. NUMBER	2015 SNOW & ICE DEFICIT

Passed/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:10pm

#### FY 2016 APPROPRIATION TO THE OPEB ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote amend Article 5 of the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting , the Annual Operating Budget, by raising and appropriating a sum of money for deposit into the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) account; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Eight dollars (\$64,608) to be deposited into the Selectmen's Office Expenses Budget (1000-122-100-54-5420-0000).

Passed/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:20pm

#### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS: 4 ELM STREET PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) from the Templeton Community Preservation General Reserve Fund to be spent by the Town Administrator to create open space by paying for demolition and removal of debris at the former Town Office Building at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and for supplies and site preparation work required for the property to be established as a conservation area to be managed by the Cemetery and Parks Department; and that the Board of Selectmen, or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, be authorized to acquire by purchase or gift and hold in the name of or enforceable by the Town and to grant a non-profit organization, charitable foundation or corporation, such conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing, or take any other action relative thereto.  
*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted that Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) be hereby appropriated by the Templeton Community Preservation Fund to provide for the removal of the two buildings at 4 Elm Street, and further, to establish a conservation area under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and maintained by the Cemetery and Parks Department; and that the Board of Selectmen, or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, be authorized to acquire by purchase or gift and hold in the name of or enforceable by the Town and to grant a non-profit organization, charitable foundation or corporation, such conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing.  
Passed Unanimously/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:25pm

#### SEWER DEPARTMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$80,000 to operate the Sewer Department; said sum to be apportioned to be used for salaries, operating and maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department; and further that said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges that were voted by the Sewer Commission on August 8, 2015, and which will be collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.  
*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Sewer Commission*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to supplement the Fiscal 2016 budget of the Templeton Sewer Department to be spent under the direction of the Templeton Sewer Commissioners.  
Passed Unanimously/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:26pm

#### COA REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the General Laws of the Commonwealth to amend a Council on Aging revolving account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; or to take any other action related thereto.  
*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend the Council on Aging revolving fund established at the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the General Laws, by increasing the permitted level of annual spending through the revolving fund from \$5,000 to \$91,000.

Passed/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:29pm

#### PERSONNEL BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article XLVII of the Town By-Laws and to substitute a new Article XLVII which shall read as follows:

Article XLVII – The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the overall administration of the personnel system. The Selectmen shall promulgate personnel policies defining the rights, benefits and obligations of employees of the Town;

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to repeal Article XLVII of the Town By-Laws and to substitute a new Article XLVII as presented in Article 9 of this warrant.

Article XLVII – The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the overall administration of the personnel system. The Selectmen shall promulgate personnel policies defining the rights, benefits and obligations of employees of the Town;

Passed/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:33pm

#### SICK TIME BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article XVII of the Town By-Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to repeal Article XVII of the Town By-Laws.

Passed/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:35pm

A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town meeting.

Passed Unanimously/November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:35pm

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Building at 160 Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October in the year AD 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Kenn Robinson, Member

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Julie Richard, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

John White

Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

October 22, 2015

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Building at 160 Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

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John White  
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 11-9-2015  
Voters Total 356

TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
DECEMBER 8, 2015  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet in their respective precincts at the places designated and appointed by the Selectmen, to wit:

Narragansett Regional High School  
Back Entrance to High School Gymnasium  
464 Baldwinville Road  
Baldwinville, MA

On Tuesday, the 8th day of December next, at 11 o'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Election Officers on the ballots as follows:

The following questions will be on the ballot:

Question 1. Shall the Town of Templeton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2. Shall the Town of Templeton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing, and equipping a 4,000 square foot addition to and remodeling of the Templeton Police Station, located at 33 South Road, Templeton, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and be closed at 7:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each Precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville; and at the Town Office Building located at 160 Patriots Road in East Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said County in the City of Gardner.



Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to each Precinct Clerk seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of November in the year AD 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Kenn Robinson, Member

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Julie Richard, Member

A True Copy ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
John White

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Constable of Templeton

OFFICERS RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

November 24, 2015

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in

Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Building at 160 Patriots Road in East Templeton and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper in said County in the city of Gardner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
John White  
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol A. Harris

Town Clerk of Templeton

TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
December 8, 2015

# Eligible Voters	4,796
Total Votes Cast	1,405
Percent	29.3%

QUES. 1 - New Elementary School	A	B	C	TOTAL
Yes	314	290	202	806
No	270	164	163	597
Blanks	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	585	454	366	1,405

QUES. 2 - Addition to Police Station				
Yes	396	313	249	958
No	187	139	116	442
Blanks	2	2	1	5
TOTAL	585	454	366	1,405

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in their respective precincts at the place designated and vote:

Narragansett Regional High School  
Back Entrance to High School Gymnasium  
464 Baldwinville Road

Baldwinville, MA 01436

On TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, 2016, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH  
STATE COMMITTEE MAN.....Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire &  
Middlesex SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN.....Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire &  
Middlesex SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TOWN COMMITTEE.....TOWN OF TEMPLETON

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Julie Richard, Member

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Kenn Robinson, Member

February 22, 2016

## OFFICER'S RETURN

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each Precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Building at 160 Patriots Road in East Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said County in the City of Gardner.

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Randy L. Brown

Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris

Town Clerk of Templeton

## TOWN OF TEMPLETON

### RECORD OF

Presidential Primary

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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### DEMOCRATIC

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#### Presidential Preference

Blanks	0	1	0	1
Bernie Sanders	226	217	203	646
Martin O'Malley	1	5	2	8
Hillary Clinton	127	130	133	390
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	1	0	0	1

No Preference	2	1	3	6
Write Ins	3	0	1	4
	360	354	342	1056

#### State Committee Man

Blanks	116	103	98	317
William R. Shemeth, III	243	248	243	734
Write Ins	1	3	1	5
	360	354	342	1056

#### State Committee Woman

Blanks	111	107	92	310
Laura L. Jette	249	245	249	743
Write Ins	0	2	1	3
	360	354	342	1056

#### Town Committee

Blanks	3940	3742	3745	11427
Group	106	111	91	308
John F. Columbus	181	181	181	543
Wayne R. Courtemanche	149	161	132	442
Mary Lou Szulborski	136	155	128	419
Kenneth C. Robinson	166	168	131	465
Julie R. Richard	135	155	137	427
Alyce F. Ladeau	136	142	120	398
Carol A. Clark	130	149	126	405
Joyce D. Grucan	152	160	141	453
Deborah A. Hubbard	145	168	154	467
0	0	0	0	0
Katharine J. Fulton	128	120	132	380

Write Ins	2	9	3	14
	5506	5421	5221	16148

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REPUBLICAN

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Presidential Preference

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Jim Gilmore	1	0	2	3
Donald J. Trump	195	185	143	523
Ted Cruz	49	54	39	142
George Pataki	0	0	0	0
Ben Carson	12	9	18	39
Mike Huckabee	0	0	0	0
Rand Paul	3	0	0	3
Carly Fiorina	0	0	0	0
Rick Santorum	0	0	0	0
Chris Christie	0	1	1	2
Marco Rubio	46	38	49	133
Jeb Bush	5	7	3	15
John R. Kasich	40	27	20	87
No Preference	2	3	1	6
Write Ins	2	2	0	4
	355	326	276	957

State Committee Man

Blanks	57	47	36	140
William J. Gillmeister	139	135	120	394
Reed V. Hillman	159	143	119	421

Write Ins	0	1	1	2
	355	326	276	957

#### State Committee Woman

Blanks	76	54	44	174
Ronna K. Prunier	131	138	124	393
Lindsay A. Valanzola	148	132	107	387
Write Ins	0	2	1	3
	355	326	276	957

#### Town Committee

Blanks	12351	11400	9617	33368
Group	0	0	0	0
Write Ins	4	10	8	22
	12355	11410	9625	33390

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#### GREEN RAINBOW

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#### Presidential Preference

Blanks	0	0	0	0
Sedinam Kinamo Christin				
Moyowasifza Curry	0	0	0	0
Jill Stein	1	0	0	1
William P. Kreml	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0
Darryl Cherney	0	1	0	1
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	2

State Committee Man

Blanks	1	1	0	2
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	2

State Committee Woman

Blanks	1	1	0	2
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	2

Town Committee

Blanks	10	10	0	20
Group	0	0	0	0
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
	10	10	0	20

UNITED INDEPENDENT			
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Town Committee

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TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
March 21, 2016

WORCESTER, ss.

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

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The Town Meeting was opened by Carol Harris, Town Clerk.  
Nominations were accepted for the position of Temporary Moderator.  
Derek Hall was elected as Temporary Moderator for this Special Town meeting.

ARTICLE 1 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: USDA LOAN FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Enterprise Account a sum of money for the demolition and reconstruction of a new 500,000 gallon water storage tank on Johnson Avenue in East Templeton, and to authorize applying for a grant and loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires a 2/3rds vote*

John Driscoll was allowed to speak.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

Passed/March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:31pm

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and loan from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development ("USDA") for the demolition and reconstruction of a new 500,000 gallon water storage tank on Johnson Avenue in East Templeton in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$1,239,000), with loan payments to be made from the Water Department Enterprise Fund, and further, to authorize short-term borrowing in anticipation of the USDA grant and loan, and to delegate to the Water Department all borrowing and short-term authority relating to the USDA grant and loan, and contracting relating to the water storage tank.

Passed by a 2/3 vote @ 7:32pm

A hand count was requested by more than seven members of Town Meeting.

Passed by a 2/3 vote-Yes-41, No-11 7:40pm

## ARTICLE 2 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to amend the motion for Article 6 of the March 29, 2014 Special Town Meeting appropriating Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the Schematic Design of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, changing the certain language in the motion from authorizing the Narragansett Regional School District to borrow to authorizing the Town to borrow to fund the appropriation. The motion will be changed from:

"To meet this appropriation the Narragansett Regional School District, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority";

to:

"To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority";

So that the amended entire motion shall now read as follows:

That Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) be hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design work ahead for the Templeton Center Elementary School, located at 17 South Road, in Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental

or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

*Requires a 2/3rds vote*

Dr. Stephen Hemman was allowed to speak.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted that the motion for Article 6 of the March 29, 2014 Special Town Meeting appropriating Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the Schematic Design of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, is here by amended by changing the certain language in the motion from authorizing the Narragansett Regional School District to borrow to authorizing the Town to borrow to fund the appropriation, as follows:

“To meet this appropriation the Narragansett Regional School District, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

to:

“To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

So that the amended entire motion shall now read as follows:

That Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) be hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design work ahead for the Templeton Center Elementary School, located at 17 South Road, in Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts

School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the

Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Passed by a 2/3 vote/March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:51pm

### ARTICLE 3 FISCAL 2015 UNPAID BILLS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to pay for unpaid bills from prior fiscal years; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires a 9/10ths majority*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$899.95) from the FY'16 tax levy and to pay a bill remaining from Fiscal 2015.

Passed by a 9/10 vote/March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:56pm

### ARTICLE 4 FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the town will vote to increase, decrease or otherwise adjust the various appropriations voted pursuant to Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting (the Annual Operating Budget), and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute to carry out the foregoing; or to take any other action related thereto.

*Requires a majority vote*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer funds within the Fiscal 2016 Annual Operating Budget as follows:

From Amount	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name	Amount
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$990.00	1000-135-100-53-5300-0000	Town Accountant Software	\$990.00
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$61.00	1000-175-100-54-5300-0000	Montachusett Regional Planning Assessment	\$61.00
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$12,949.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$12,949.00
1000-424-400-52-5210-0000	Street Lights	\$19,478.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$19,478.00

1000-630-600-51-5115-0000	Recreation Salaries	\$73.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$73.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$12,500.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$12,500.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$50,000.00	1000-543-500-57-5770-0000	Veterans Benefits	\$50,000.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$25,000.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$25,000.00

Passed Unanimously/March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:05pm

#### ARTICLE 5 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING FOR COMMON BURIAL GROUND TOMBS RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure by the Templeton Cemetery Department of One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand (\$128,000) from the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission; or take any other action related thereto.

*Requires a majority vote*

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted approve an expenditure of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand (\$128,000) from the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve by the Templeton Cemetery and Parks Department for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Passed Unanimously/March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:08pm

A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Special town Meeting.

Passed/March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:09pm

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 160 Patriots Road, E. Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year AD 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Julie Richard, Member

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Kenn Robinson, Member  
True Copy: ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Brown, Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

March 8, 2016

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, E. Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Brown, Constable of Templeton

Date of this Certification:  
April 26, 2016

A True Copy, ATTEST:

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Carol A. Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton  
Meeting Attendance 03-21-2016  
Voters Total 56

TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MAY 2, 2016  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton, in said County.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the several precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet in their respective precincts at the places designated and appointed by the Selectmen, to wit:

Narragansett Regional High School  
Back Entrance to High School Gymnasium  
464 Baldwinville Road  
Baldwinville, MA

On Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May next, at 11 o'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Election of Officers on one ballot as follows:

Two Members Board of Selectmen.....	3 years
One Member Board of Assessors.....	3 years
One Member Board of Health.....	3 years
One Member Cemetery & Parks Commission.....	3 years
One Member Community Preservation Committee.....	3 years
One Member Light and Water Commission.....	3 years
One Moderator.....	1 year
One Member Housing Authority.....	5 years
Two Members Planning Board.....	5 years
One Member Sewer Commission.....	3 years
One Member Narragansett Regional School District Committee -- Templeton .....	3 years
One Member Narragansett Regional School District Committee – Phillipston .....	3 years

The Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and be closed at 7:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each Precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road in East Templeton, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said County in the City of Gardner.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year AD 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Julie Richard, Member

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Kenn Robinson, Member

A True Copy ATTEST

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Signature of Constable of Templeton

\_\_\_\_\_  
April 21, 2016

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

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# Town of Templeton

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## Annual Town Meeting Warrant

MAY 14, 2016



NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
460 BALDWINVILLE ROAD, BALDWINVILLE

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TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 14, 2016

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

CONSENT AGENDA

To see if the Town will vote to establish a consent agenda for Town Meeting to adopt one or more non-controversial articles in one motion; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

1-A REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2015 Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

1-B REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

To see if the Town will vote to allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

1-C REVOLVING FUNDS

To see what revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth the Town will authorize or reauthorize for various boards, commissions or departments of the Town, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

A motion was duly made and seconded that the town vote to that the Reports of Town Officers, Reports of Town Committees and the Revolving Funds set forth below, be hereby approved.

REVOLVING FUND NAME	PROGRAMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FUND	DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND	OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FROM FUND	TOTAL ANNUAL LIMIT ON EXPENDITURES FROM FUND
Council on Aging Transportation Fund	Wages & Expenses for Operation of the Van	Fees Charged for Use of the COA Van	Council on Aging Director	\$91,000
Cemetery Department Burial Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees Charged for Weekend Burials	Cemetery Commissioner	\$8,000
Board of Appeals Hearings Fund	Expenses related to Hearings and Applications	Application Fees	Board of Appeals	\$3,000
Fire Department Inspections Fund	Expansion of Fire Inspection Program	Inspection Fees from Fire Department Inspections	Fire Chief	\$5,000
Board of Health Fund	Expansion of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling equipment and disposal of recycled goods	Board of Health	\$10,000
Veterans Benefits Fund	Legally Mandated Veterans Benefits	Reimbursements from the Commonwealth for Prior Year Veterans	Veterans Services Director	\$100,000
Highway Department Fund	Highway Department Services during Emergencies	Reimbursements from Enterprise Departments for use of Highway Employees	Highway Superintendent	\$5,000

A substitute motion was duly made and seconded that Article 1 Report of Town Offices, Reports of Town Committees and the Revolving Funds be split into parts as follows:

1A-Reports of Tow Officers

1B-Reports of Town Committees

1C-Revovling Funds

and voted individually

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the substitute motion.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:18am

On the substitute motion to separate Article 1

Passed/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:19am

1A-

A motion was duly made and seconded to have the Town Report accepted as is but to have the Board of Selectmen be authorized to add an addendum to report at a later date.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:41am

On the 1A motion.

Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:42am

1B-

A motion was duly made and seconded that the town will vote to allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:46am

1C-

A motion was duly made and seconded that the Revolving Funds set forth below, be hereby approved.

REVOLVING FUND NAME	PROGRAMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FUND	DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND	OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FROM FUND	TOTAL ANNUAL LIMIT ON EXPENDITURES FROM FUND
Council on Aging Transportation Fund	Wages & Expenses for Operation of the Van	Fees Charged for Use of the COA Van	Council on Aging Director	\$91,000
Cemetery Department Burial Fund	Wages for weekend burials and	Fees Charged for Weekend Burials	Cemetery Commissioner	\$8,000

	cemetery capital improvements			
Board of Appeals Hearings Fund	Expenses related to Hearings and Applications	Application Fees	Board of Appeals	\$3,000
Fire Department Inspections Fund	Expansion of Fire Inspection Program	Inspection Fees from Fire Department Inspections	Fire Chief	\$5,000
Board of Health Fund	Expansion of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling equipment and disposal of recycled goods	Board of Health	\$10,000
Veterans Benefits Fund	Legally Mandated Veterans Benefits	Reimbursements from the Commonwealth for Prior Year Veterans	Veterans Services Director	\$100,000
Highway Department Fund	Highway Department Services during Emergencies	Reimbursements from Enterprise Departments for use of Highway Employees	Highway Superintendent	\$5,000

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:01

### OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND

Account	Transfer From	Amount	Account	Transfer To	Amount
1000-147-100-51-5115-0000	Treasurer/Clerk Wages	\$ 600.00	1000-122-100-51-5110-0000	Selectman Office Salaries	\$ 600.00
1000-147-100-51-5115-0000	Treasurer/Clerk Wages	\$ 100.00	1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator	\$ 100.00
1000-171-100-51-5115-0000	Conservation Admin Asst.	\$ 400.00	1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator	\$ 400.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 130.00	1000-135-100-51-5110-0000	Town Accountant	\$ 130.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 1,065.00	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	Deputy Assessor	\$ 1,065.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 432.00	1000-141-100-51-5115-0000	Assessor Admin	\$ 432.00

1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 115.00	1000-147-100-51-5110-0000	Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 115.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 470.00	1000-147-100-51-5112-0000	Asst. Treasurer/Collector	\$ 470.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 223.00	1000-161-100-51-5115-0000	Asst. Town Clerk	\$ 223.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 65.00	1000-192-100-51-5115-0000	Town Building Maint.	\$ 65.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 210.00	1000-241-200-51-5110-0000	Building Inspector	\$ 210.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 5.00	1000-294-200-51-5115-0000	Tree Warden	\$ 5.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 75.00	1000-421-400-51-5110-0000	Highway Super	\$ 75.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 625.00	1000-421-400-51-5115-0000	Highway Admin Asst.	\$ 625.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 10.00	1000-422-400-51-5110-0000	Mechanic Salary	\$ 10.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 72.00	1000-491-400-51-5110-0000	Cemetery Super	\$ 72.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 1,730.00	1000-491-400-51-5112-0000	Cemetery Salary	\$ 1,730.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 115.00	1000-543-500-51-5115-0000	Veterans Salary	\$ 115.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 600.00	1000-610-600-51-5115-0000	Library Director	\$ 600.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 4,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$ 4,500.00
1000-135-100-51-5190-0000	Town Acct Certification	\$ 500.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 500.00
1000-152-100-53-5303-0000	Right to Know Law	\$ 300.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 300.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 200.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 200.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 8,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$ 8,500.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 300.00	1000-147-100-54-5420-0000	Treasurer Expense	\$ 300.00
1000-152-100-54-5420-0000	Personnel Admin	\$ 1,200.00	1000-147-100-54-5420-0000	Treasurer Expense	\$ 1,200.00
1000-152-100-54-5420-0000	Personnel Admin	\$ 7,300.00	1000-914-900-57-5741-0000	Group Insurance	\$ 7,300.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 3,200.00	1000-155-100-53-5340-0000	Town Telephone	\$ 3,200.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 9,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5173-0000	Medicare	\$ 9,500.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 1,500.00	1000-916-900-51-5173-0000	Medicare	\$ 1,500.00
1000-175-100-54-5420-0000	Planning Board	\$ 2,000.00	1000-161-100-54-5420-0000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 2,000.00
1000-210-200-51-5112-0000	Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 3,600.00	1000-210-200-51-5110-0000	Police Chief	\$ 3,600.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 27,000.00	1000-122-100-54-5420-0000	Selectman Office Expenses	\$ 27,000.00
		\$ 76,642.00			\$ 76,642.00

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws; and pursuant to said section to direct the Treasurer of the town

(1) to establish a separate account to be known as the "Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" (OPEB) in the Treasury of the Town; and

(2) to develop a funding schedule for the funding of the Town's liabilities for other post employment benefits; and

(3) to seek and obtain the approval of such funding schedule by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission or as otherwise provided by state law; and

(4) to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds a sum of money for deposit into the OPEB Liability Trust Fund; or to take any other action related thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to accept provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws and to direct the Town Treasurer to establish an Other Post- Employment Benefits Trust Fund in the Treasury of the Town; and further, to charge the Town Administration with developing an OPEB funding schedule and obtaining approval of said schedule by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission of the Commonwealth; and further, to transfer Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$64,608) from the FY'16 Selectmen's Expense Account (1000-122-100-54-5420-0000) to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:13am

On main motion.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:13am

### FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the town will vote to increase, decrease or otherwise adjust any budget line item as appropriated by the Town at the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute and/or transfer from available funds, such sums as may be needed by the various departmental budgets and appropriations to complete the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

A motion duly made and seconded that the town vote that the following adjustments be made by transfers from various accounts to various accounts within the FY 2016 operating budget as previously appropriated by the Town pursuant to Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town meeting, as followings:



Account	Transfer From	Amount	Account	Transfer To	Amount
1000-147-100-51-5115-0000	Treasurer/Clerk Wages	\$ 600.00	1000-122-100-51-5110-0000	Selectman Office Salaries	\$ 600.00
1000-147-100-51-5115-0000	Treasurer/Clerk Wages	\$ 100.00	1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator	\$ 100.00
1000-171-100-51-5115-0000	Conservation Admin Asst.	\$ 400.00	1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator	\$ 400.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 130.00	1000-135-100-51-5110-0000	Town Accountant	\$ 130.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 1,065.00	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	Deputy Assessor	\$ 1,065.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 432.00	1000-141-100-51-5115-0000	Assessor Admin	\$ 432.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 115.00	1000-147-100-51-5110-0000	Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 115.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 470.00	1000-147-100-51-5112-0000	Asst. Treasurer/Collector	\$ 470.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 223.00	1000-161-100-51-5115-0000	Asst. Town Clerk	\$ 223.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 65.00	1000-192-100-51-5115-0000	Town Building Maint.	\$ 65.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 210.00	1000-241-200-51-5110-0000	Building Inspector	\$ 210.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 80.00	1000-421-400-51-5110-0000	Highway Super	\$ 80.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 625.00	1000-421-400-51-5115-0000	Highway Admin Asst.	\$ 625.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 10.00	1000-422-400-51-5110-0000	Mechanic Salary	\$ 10.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 72.00	1000-491-400-51-5110-0000	Cemetery Super	\$ 72.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 1,730.00	1000-491-400-51-5112-0000	Cemetery Salary	\$ 1,730.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 115.00	1000-543-500-51-5115-0000	Veterans Salary	\$ 115.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 600.00	1000-610-600-51-5115-0000	Library Director	\$ 600.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 4,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$ 4,500.00
1000-294-200-51-5115-0000	Tree Warden	\$ 2,500.00	1000-421-400-51-5110-0000	Highway Super	\$ 2,500.00
1000-135-100-51-5190-0000	Town Acct Certification	\$ 500.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 500.00
1000-152-100-53-5303-0000	Right to Know Law	\$ 300.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 300.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 200.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 200.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 8,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$ 8,500.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 300.00	1000-147-100-54-5420-0000	Treasurer Expense	\$ 300.00
1000-152-100-54-5420-0000	Personnel Admin	\$ 1,200.00	1000-147-100-54-5420-0000	Treasurer Expense	\$ 1,200.00
1000-152-100-54-5420-0000	Personnel Admin	\$ 7,300.00	1000-914-900-57-5741-0000	Group Insurance	\$ 7,300.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 3,200.00	1000-155-100-53-5340-0000	Town Telephone	\$ 3,200.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 9,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5173-0000	Medicare	\$ 9,500.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 1,500.00	1000-916-900-51-5173-0000	Medicare	\$ 1,500.00

1000-175-100-54-5420-0000	Planning Board	\$ 2,000.00	1000-161-100-54-5420-0000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 2,000.00
1000-210-200-51-5112-0000	Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 3,600.00	1000-210-200-51-5110-0000	Police Chief	\$ 3,600.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 27,000.00	1000-122-100-54-5420-0000	Selectman Office Expenses	\$ 16,000.00
		\$ 79,142.00	1000-135-100-54-5420-0000	Town Accountant	\$ 11,000.00
					\$ 79,142.00

An amended motion was duly made and seconded that the following adjustments be made by transfer from various accounts to various accounts with the FY 2016 operating budget as previously appropriated by the Town pursuant to Article 5 of the May 6, 2015 Annual Town Meeting with the change from Town Fuel be split as 11,000 to Town Account Audit Expense and 16,000 to Selectmen Office Expenses as noted below.

From 1000-192-100-54-5480-0000/Town Fuel/\$11,000 to  
1000-135-100-53-5301-0000/Town accountant-audit expenses/\$11,000.00  
and

From 1000-192-100-54-5480-0000/Town Fuel/\$16,000 to  
1000-122-100-54-5420-0000/Selectmen Office Expense/\$16,000.00.

The amendment was Passed/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am

A second amended motion was duly made and seconded to  
Delete 1000-510-500-51-5110-0000/Board of Health/\$5.00 and  
1000-294-200-51-5115-0000/Tree Warden/\$5.00

Change the amount of 1000-510-500-51-5110-000/Board of Health/from \$75.00 to \$80.00.  
Change the amount of 1000-421-400-51-5110-0000/Highway Super/from \$75.00 to \$80.00.

Add lines 1000-294-200-51-5115-0000/Tree warden/\$2,500 and 1000-421-400-51-5110-0000.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:03am

Article 3 with amendment's 1 & 2 reads as follows:

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:04 am

### FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET & SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for municipal operating expenses, bonded debt and school assessments for Fiscal Year 2017; and further, to set the salary and compensation of elected and appointed officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

A motion was duly made and seconded that Thirteen Million Six Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$13,672,536) be hereby appropriated from the Fiscal 2017 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to pay for municipal and schools operating expenses and for debt service and the Worcester County Retirement assessment for Fiscal Year 2017, and to set the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as set forth in a document entitled "Town of Templeton FY 2017 General Fund Budget."

MODERATOR	0
SELECTMEN	183,767
ADVISORY BOARD	50,400
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	112,310
ASSESSORS	83,191
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	150,548
TOWN COUNSEL	50,000
TECHNOLOGY/TELEPHONE/WEB	44,500
TOWN CLERK	89,552
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	764,268

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,779
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	0
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	0
PLANNING BOARD	18,794
BOARD OF APPEALS	100
TOTAL LAND PLANNING	22,673

TOWN REPORTS/STREET LIST	1,500
TOWN BUILDINGS	82,950
TOWN VEHICLES	100,000
TOWN TRAVEL	0
INSURANCE	1,398,406
RETIREMENT	663,582
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,246,438

POLICE DEPARTMENT	859,460
FIRE DEPARTMENT	314,020
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	130,037
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES	1,500
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	500
ANIMAL CONTROL	20,500
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,000
TREE WARDEN EXPENSE	3,500

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION	299,590
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>1,300</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,631,407
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HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	414,093
VEHICLE & MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	136,040
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	125,000
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	6,360
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	157,498
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	838,991
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COUNCIL ON AGING	115,299
VETERANS BENEFITS	70,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	185,299
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BOYNTON LIBRARY	70,921
RECREATION COMMISSION	12,280
ARTS COUNCIL	1,000
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	250
CELEBRATION	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	85,951
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TOWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND	4,000
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	2,529
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	6,529
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DEBT SERVICES-SHORT TERM	10,000
DEBT SERVICES-LONG TERM	1,518,354
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,528,354
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TOTAL - TOWN BUDGET	7,309,910
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Narragansett Regional School Assessment	5,624,744
Montachusett Regional Vocational School Assessment	708,882
TOTAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS	6,333,626
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TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOLS	13,643,536
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ASSESSOR'S TRIENNIAL RECERTIFICATION	25,000
DUPLICATE CALCULATION	4,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$13,672,536</b>

A substitute motion was duly made and seconded that the Advisory budget of Thirteen Million Six Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Two Dollars (\$ 13,698,402) be hereby appropriated to pay for municipal and schools operating expenses and for debt service and the Worcester County Retirement assessment for Fiscal Year 2017, and to set the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as set forth in a document entitled "Town of Templeton FY 2017 General Fund Budget under the column entitled as FY 2017 Advisory Board Recommended Budget.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the substitute motion.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:49am

On the substitute motion.  
Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:50am

An amended motion was duly made and seconded to amend the FY2017 General Fund Budget under Selectmen Budget:  
Tree Warden Salaries 1000-294-200-51-5115-0000 of \$3,000 be moved to  
Highway Superintendent Salaries 1000-421-400-51-5110-0000 of the same amount \$3,000.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:53am

A substitute motion was duly made and seconded to go through the FY'17 budget line item by line item.  
Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:10pm

On the main motion with the amendment.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:27pm

### FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fire Department/ Ambulance -- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account (22-300-3560-3283) or to otherwise raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund Ambulance Department operations, with any unexpended monies in the Ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) be hereby transferred from the Fire Department/Ambulance -- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, to be spent by the Fire Chief to pay for the operation of the Ambulance Service within the Fire Department during Fiscal 2017, with any unexpended monies in the Ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:40pm

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE LEASE

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to fund the third year of a lease/purchase agreement for an ambulance for the Fire/Ambulance Department, including a transfer from the Fire Department/Ambulance - Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account (22-3560-3283); or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted I move that Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000) be hereby transferred for the Town Administrator to expend to pay for the third year of the ambulance lease/purchase agreement, and to meet this appropriation \$57,000 be hereby transferred from the Fire/Ambulance Department - Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, (22-300-3560-3283)  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:42pm

#### FUNDING FOR ASSESSORS' TRIENNIAL RECERTIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the FY'17 tax levy and other general revenues of the town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for Interim, Triennial Recertification and Cyclical Inspections, or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) be raised and appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2017 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for the 2019 Triennial Recertification.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:43pm

## DIRECT DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will accept M.G.L., c.41, Section 41B which states:

“The treasurer of any city, town or district which accepts this section may pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to any person in the service of such city, town or district by means of deposits to a deposit account or accounts of such person in any one or more savings or cooperative banks, trust companies, or credit unions incorporated in or chartered by the commonwealth; in any one or more national banking associations, federal savings or loan associations or federal credit unions located in the commonwealth; in any one or more banking companies or Morris Plan companies subject to chapter one hundred and seventy-two A; or any one or more savings or loan associations under the supervision of the commissioner of banks; provided, that such person has specifically authorized such deposits, and provided further, that if such deposits are made initially to accounts established for such persons in any one such bank, trust company, credit union, or association, the depository shall have agreed with the treasurer on terms satisfactory to the treasurer for the immediate direct transfer of such deposit to any other such bank, trust company, credit union, or association designated by each such person”; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to move that Section 41B of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws be accepted.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:44pm

## ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR SEWER PUMPING STATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to acquire by gift, purchase and eminent domain pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, M.G.L. c. 79 and G.L. c. 83 and any other applicable statute, all or any portions of the properties and interests therein and improvements thereto located off the southern side of Pleasant Street, known as Town Assessor Map 1-4, Parcel 151 and including the areas marked on that certain plan on file with the Sewer Department as “Easement” and “Parcel of Interest” and supposedly owned by the Town of Templeton and Harry Kerby and Marie O. Kerby or their heirs, for sewer purposes, including without limitation for the construction, re-construction and operation of a sewer pumping station, grading, drainage, sloping, utilities and other related purposes; to see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds, Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for such purposes; said sum to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40,

M.G.L. c. 79 and M.G.L. c. 83 or any other applicable statute, all or any portions of the properties and interests therein and improvements thereto located off the southern side of Pleasant Street, known as Town Assessor Map 1-4, Parcel 151 and including the areas marked on that certain plan on file with the Sewer Department as "Easement" and "Parcel of Interest" and supposedly owned by the Town of Templeton and Harry Kerby and Marie O. Kerby or their heirs, for sewer purposes, including without limitation for the construction, re-construction and operation of a sewer pumping station, grading, drainage, sloping, utilities and other related purposes; and to appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds, Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for such purposes; said sum to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:47pm

### PLEASANT STREET PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000) to pay for the replacement of the Pleasant Street sewer pump station; said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors, betterments and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) to pay for the replacement of the Pleasant Street sewer pump station; said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors, betterments and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:49pm

### FY 2017 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of One Million Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$1,030,000) to operate the Sewer Department; said sum is to be used for salaries, operations, maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department; said sum to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission*



On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that One Million Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$1,030,000) be hereby appropriated to operate the Sewer Department (Sewer Enterprise Fund) for Fiscal Year 2017, said sum to be used for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department; said sum to be raised from revenues of sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees and tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:50pm

### SENIOR EXEMPTION: COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to increase the cost of living adjustment, as provided by the Department of Revenue, to the Fiscal Year 2017 amount of .59 % that may be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under M.G.L., Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D. The adoption of this article was voted for on May 3, 1999 at the Annual Town Meeting, Article 17 and the exemption is partially reimbursable by the Department of Revenue; or to take any other action relative thereto.  
*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Board of Assessors*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the cost of living adjustment, for the Fiscal Year 2017 be hereby established in the amount of Point Five Nine Percent (.59 %), to be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under M.G.L., Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D., which statute was accepted by the Town under Article 17 of the May 3, 1999 Annual Town Meeting.  
Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:51pm

### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44B of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate and/or reserve a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for: (i) the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee; (ii) the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; (iii) the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; (iv) the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; (v) the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and (vi) the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing acquired or created under such Act; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee, to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain such real property interests in the name of or enforceable by the Town, acting by and through the Board of Selectmen or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, including real property interests in the form of permanent affordable housing restrictions, historical preservation restrictions and conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary and proper to carry out

the foregoing; or take any other action related thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that sums be transferred or reserved from Community Preservation annual revenues, which include the amount to be collected as a surcharge on real property and the October 2016 state match, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for CPC administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses as follows:

Transfer \$12,000 or (5%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for Committee administrative expenses; and reserve: 1) \$24,000 or (10%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Historic Resources Reserve ; and 2) \$24,000 or (10%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Community Housing Reserve; and 3) \$24,000 or (10%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and 4) \$158,600 or (65%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Budgeted Reserve;

And further, to transfer \$24,000 from the Templeton Community Preservation Historic Preservation Account and \$26,000 from the Templeton Community Preservation General Account for the Board of Selectmen to expend for the historic preservation of the Town-owned building at 135 Patriots Road, East Templeton, known as Scout Hall, by rehabilitating the ceiling and other interior components, electrical, plumbing and heating components for use as a municipal Youth and Community Center; said project to follow the U.S. Secretary of Interior standards for historic rehabilitation, as required by the Community Preservation Act.

Passed/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:57pm

### TRANSFER TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectmen*

No motion was made.

### BY-LAW AMENDMENT: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Article II of the Town By-Laws, approved by Town Meeting on March 10, 1973, to read as follows:

“The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers shall be held on the third Tuesday of May of each year.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto:

*Submitted by the Board of Selectman*

Motion was withdrawn @ 1:06pm

#### BY-LAW AMENDMENT: TOWN MEETINGS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of Article II approved by Town Meeting on November 14, 1985 to read as follows:

“All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered and held on the first Tuesday of May of each year at a time and place designated by the Board of Selectman.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectman*

No motion was made.

#### BY-LAW AMENDMENT: APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MEETING CHECKERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7 of Article II approved on March 5, 1951 to read as follows:

“The Town Clerk shall appoint checkers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter upon the floor of the Annual or any Town Meeting; a section marked “non-registered” shall be open to the public.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto:

*Submitted by the Board of Selectman*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted I move to amend Section 7 of Article II of the Town By-Laws to read as follows:

“The Town Clerk shall appoint checkers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter upon the floor of the Annual or any Town Meeting; a section marked “non-registered” shall be open to the public.”

Passed/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:10pm

#### BY-LAW AMENDMENT: RECORDS AND REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of Article VIII, approved by Town Meeting on August 31, 1978, to read as follows:

“It shall be the duty of the Selectman to publish the Annual Report, to be made available to the residents on the official town website on the last Tuesday of April of each year and for distribution at the polling places and also at Town Hall in the Selectman’s Office.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by the Board of Selectman*

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Section 3 of Article VIII of the Town By-Laws be amended to strike the existing text and replace same with the following:

“It shall be the duty of the Selectman to publish the Annual Report, to be made available to the residents on the official town website on the last Tuesday of April of each year and for distribution at the polling places and also at Town Hall in the Selectman’s Office.”

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:11pm

### CITIZEN’S PETITION: FLUORIDE WARNING

Shall the Town vote to approve a warning concerning Templeton citizen's fluorosis risk the additive poses to infants, to be added to all water bills and consumer confidence reports (which must be mailed to all water consumers, be posted online, and available at the Selectmen's Office and the Light and Water Department). The warning is as followed:

"Your public water supply is fluoridated. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, if your child under the age of 6 months is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there may be an increased chance of dental fluorosis. Consult your child's health care provider for more information.”; or to take any other action relative there too.

*A citizen’s petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 9 others*

A motion duly made and seconded that the town vote to approve a warning concerning Templeton citizen's fluorosis risk the additive poses to infants, to be added to all water bills and consumer confidence reports (which must be mailed to all water consumers, be posted online, and available at the Selectmen's Office and the Light and Water Department). The warning is as followed:

"Your public water supply is fluoridated. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, if your child under the age of 6 months is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there may be an increased chance of dental fluorosis. Consult your child's health care provider for more information.”;

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

Passed/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:20pm

On the main motion.

Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:20pm

## CITIZEN'S PETITION: FLUORIDE LEGISLATION

Move that the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition as follows:

An Act authorizing Annual Town Meeting as the responsible party on any and all decisions involving fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply.

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 8C, Chapter 111, Title XVI, Part 1 of the general laws of or any general or special law to the contrary, the legislative body at Annual Town Meeting with a majority vote shall be authorized to make any and all decisions in regards to fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply however should town meeting vote to fluoridate the public water supply oversight on fluoride dose shall go to the town Board of Health. Annual town meeting shall also make decisions on health warning involving water fluoridation and any other decisions involving fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

*A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 11 others*

A motion duly made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition as follows:

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Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:32pm

#### CITIZEN'S PETITION: REVIEW OF CONTRACTS BY TOWN COUNSEL

To see if the Town will vote to amend By Law Article VI – Contracts by town Officers and add a new Section 4 to read as follows:

All contracts with a value of \$100,000 or more shall be reviewed by Town Counsel before said contracts are signed.

*A citizen's petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 11 others*

A motion duly made and seconded the town to amend By Law Article VI – Contracts by town Officers and add a new Section 4 to read as follows:

All contracts with a value of \$100,000 or more shall be reviewed by Town Counsel before said contracts are signed.

Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:40pm

#### CITIZEN'S PETITION: PROJECTS TO BE APPROVED BY TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II – Town Meetings and add a new section, Section 20, to read as follows:

Any project with an estimated cost of One Million dollars or more shall be discussed and voted upon ONLY at Templeton's Annual Town Meeting.

*A citizen's petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 11 others*

A motion duly made and seconded that the town vote to amend Article II – Town Meetings and add a new section, Section 20, to read as follows:

Any project with an estimated cost of One Million dollars or more shall be voted upon ONLY at Templeton's Annual Town Meeting.

Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:53pm

## CITIZEN'S PETITION: ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote amend Article IV of the General Bylaws (Advisory Committee) to read as follows:

Section 3. The Town Moderator shall fill any vacancies which may occur on the committee. No appointment shall be made until the vacancy has been posted on the Town's website for 14 days. If any member is absent for five consecutive meetings his position shall be deemed vacant, and filled by the town Moderator as herein provided. The appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

*A citizen's petition submitted by John Columbus and 10 others*

A motion duly made and seconded that the town vote to amend Article IV of the General Bylaws (Advisory Committee) to read as follows:

Section 3. The Town Moderator shall fill any vacancies which may occur on the committee. No appointment shall be made until the vacancy has been posted on the Town's website for 14 days. If any member is absent for five consecutive meetings his position shall be deemed vacant, and filled by the town Moderator as herein provided. The appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.  
Passed/May 14th @ 2:08pm

On the main motion.

Defeated/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:09pm

A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

Passed Unanimously/May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:10pm

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year AD 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Columbus, Chairman

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Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Julie Richard, Member

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Kenn Robinson, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

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John P. White  
Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

May 4, 2016

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

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John P. White  
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:  
Carol A. Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton  
Meeting Attendance 05-14-2016  
Voters Total 65

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<b>ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS</b>
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Board of Selectman	Kenneth Robinson	2016
	John Columbus	2017
	Julie Richard	2018
	Doug Morrison	2016
	Diane Haley Brooks	2017
Board of Health	Lucas Rotti	2018
	Elizabeth Crocker	2016
	Laura Hoag	2017
Board of Assessors	John Brooks	2017
	Bradley Lehtonen	2016
	Fred C. Henshaw	2018



Town Clerk	Carol A. Harris	2018
Light & Water Commissioners	Dana F. Blais	2017
	Gregg Edwards	2016
	Christopher Stewart	2018
Moderator		
Cemetery Commission	Michael Kirby	2016
	Paul A. Saari	2018
	Richard Pervier	2017
Sewer Commission	Mark Moschetti	2017
	Thomas Jeleniewski	2018
	Robert Dennis	2016
Community Preservation Comm.	John Henshaw	2017
	Michael Morgan	2016
	Carrie Novak	2018
Constables	Randy Brown	2018
	John White	2018
NRSD	Henry J. Mason	2017
	A.J. Robinson	2017
	Lori Mattson	2016
	Deborah Koziol	2018
	Rae-Ann Trifilo	2018
	Margaret Hughes	2017
	Daniel Sanden	2016
	Victoria Chartier	2018
Housing Authority	Joyce Grucan	2018
	Sheila Tallman	2019
	Mary Chipman	2016
	Ida Beane	2020
Planning Board	Kirk Moschetti	2020
	Timothy Rotti	2020
	Franklin Moschetti	2018
	Charles Carroll, II	2018
	Christof Chartier	2016
	John Buckley	2016
	Dennis Rich	2019

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Accountant	Kelli Pontbriand	
Town Administrator	Robert Markel	2016
Advisory Board	Wilfred Spring	2016
	Mark Barrieau	2016
	Michael Greene	2017
	Gordon Moore	2018
	Jeffery Bennett	2017
	Katharine Fulton	2017
	Beverly Bartolomeo	2018
Agricultural Commission	Christoph Chartier	2017
	Matt LeClerc	2016
	Carrie Novak	2018
	Andre' Chartier	2018
	Robert Pease	2018
Board of Appeals	John Fletcher	2018
	Rick Moulton	2019
	Joseph Risi	2017
	Alan Drouin	2019
	David Smart	2019
	Ronald Davan	2019
Associate Member		
Deputy Assessor	Luanne Royer	2016
Boynton Public Library Trustees	Michael Morgan	2016
	Raymond Voutila	2016
	Sonia White	2016
Building Inspector	Richard Hanks	2018
Alternate Building Insp.	Paul Blanchard	2016
Cable TV Committee	Steven Castle	2016
	Marcia Breen	2016
	Robert Hackenfort	2016
Capital Planning	Wilfred Spring	2016
	Charles Carroll II	2016
	Douglas Morrison	2016
	Lori Mattson	2016
	Rae-Ann Trifilo	2016

Certified Weighers	Michelle Aiken	2016
	Lynn H. Davis	2016
	Todd Constantine	2016
Chief Procurement Officer	Robert Markel	2016
Communication Commission	Lawrence Bankowski	2017
	Derek Hall	2017
Community Preservation	Dennis Rich	2015
Committee	Joyce Grucan	2016
	Fred Henshaw	2017
	George Andrews	2016
	Joy Taintor	2015
	Brad Lehtonen	2018
Conservation Commission	George Andrews	2017
	David M. Symonds	2018
	Earl Baxter	2018
	Nathan Schroeder	2018
Council on Aging Director	Dianna Morrison	2016
Council on Aging	Priscilla LeClerc	2018
	Leona Degrace	2017
	Phyllis Denis	2018
	Susan Lariviere	2016
	Betty Boutell	2016
	Charlene Arsenault	2016
Town Council	Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeRensis & Holland, P.C.	2016
Cultural Council	Barbara White	2017
	Ashley Bird	2016
	Carol Clark	2017
	Darlene LaClair	2018
	Janice Lefebvre	2016
Economic Development Committee	Glenn Eaton	2016
	Richard Couture	2016
	Kenn Robinson	2016
Electrical Inspector	Darrell Sweeney	2017
Asst. Electrical Inspector Elementary School		

Building Committee	Steven Hemman	2016
	William Clabaugh	2016
	Carrie Koziol	2016
	Henry Mason	2016
	John Graziano	2016
	Theresa Kasper	2016
	Kirk Moschetti	2016
	Diane Haley Brooks	2016
	Christopher Stewart	2016
Emergency Mgmt. Comm. Officer	Michael Dickson	2016
	Scott Demar	2016
Emergency Planning Commission	Lawrence Bankowski	2016
	Kirk Moschetti	2016
	Frances Chase	2016
	Diane Haley Brooks	2016
	Raymond LaPorte	2016
	Chief Michael Bennett	2016
	Kathy Matson	2016
	Kate Myers	2016
Fire Chief	Raymond LaPorte	2016
Forest Fire Warden	Raymond LaPorte	2016
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	Richard P. Geyster, Jr.	2016
Asst. Gas/Plumbing Inspector	Robert O'Brien	2016
Board of Health Director	Laurie Witta	2017
Highway Superintendent	Francis Chase	2016
Historical Commission	John L. Brooks	2017
	Michael Dickson	2017
	Darlene LeClair	2017
	Raymond Page	2016
	Alan Mayo	2017
Insurance Committee	Harry Aldrich	2016
	John Columbus	2016
	Diane Haley Brooks	2016
Local Licensing Agent	Chief Michael Bennett	2016

Asst. Liquor Licensing Agent Sgt.	Steven Flis	2017
	Sgt. Derek Hall	2017
Local Project Coordinator/Mass	Alan Mayo	2018
Historic Commission		
Official Marker of Boundaries	Fred Henshaw	2016
MART Advisory Board	Robert Markel	2016
Mont. Reg. Voc. Schl Com Rep	James M. Gilbert	2019
Mun. Coord. Right to Know Law	Raymond LaPorte	2016
Municipal Hearing Officer	Robert Markel	2016
Open Space Committee	Dennis Rich	2016
	Carrie Novak	2016
	Julie Richard	2016
Pandemic Response Mgt. Team	John Columbus	2016
	Kenn Robinson	2016
Parking Clerk	Cheryl Kasper	2016
Private Road Committee		
Recreation Committee	Joshua Koziol	2016
	Joy Taintor	2016
	Barry Janssens	2016
	William Davis	2016
	Philip Moulton	2016
	Mike Lajoie	2016
Scholarship Committee	Doris Brooks	2017
	John Brooks	2017
	Lee Cunningham	2016
	Thomas Cook	2018
	Darlene LaClair	2018
School Budget Committee	Diane Haley Brooks	2016
Senior Center Oversight Comm.	Frank Moschetti	2016
	Doug Morrison	2016
	Priscilla LeClerc	2016
	Julie Richard	2016
	Herb Ferran	2016
	William Harris	2016

Storm Water Committee	Diane Haley Brooks	2016
	Douglas Morrison	2016
	Francis Chase	2016
	Scott Demar	2016
Templeton Common Improvement Committee		
Templeton Developmental Center Reuse Committee	Kirk Moschetti	2016
	John Columbus	2016
	Julie Richard	2016
	Michael Morgan	2016
Tomb Restoration Comm.	Kirk Moschetti	2016
	Michael Dickson	2016
	Stephanie Mayo	2016
	Helena Nyman	2016
Town Administrator	Robert Markel	2016
Town Building Assessment Comm.	Charles Carroll	2016
	Diane Haley Brooks	2016
	Doug Morrison	2016
	Robert Mitchell	2016
Treasurer/Collector	Kate Myers	2016
Assistant Treasurer/Collector	Carolee Eaton	2016
Treasurer/Collector Secretary	Lynn Scerra	2017
Tree Warden	Bud Chase	2016
Trench Safety Agent	Larry Bankowski	2016
	Bud Chase	2016
	Richard Hanks	2016

All Trust Funds: Gilman Waite Trustees, Leland Fund, Otis Rice Fund Trustee, Porter L. Newton Fund, Edith Nichols Stevens Fund, Jehu Richardson Fund, Julia Sawyer Fund Overseers, Masonic Fund, Waldo N. Haskell Fund:

Kenneth Robinson	2016
John Columbus	2016
Douglas Morrison	2016
Julie Farrell	2016
Diane Haley Brooks	2016

## Veterans Graves Officer

Community Veteran's Oversight Board	Hal Bourgeois	2016
	Teddy Furr	2016
	Christine Caplis	2016
	Michael Currie	2016
	Charlene Van Cott	2016

Director of Veteran's Services	John Caplis	2016
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Board of Registrars	Karen Gautreau	2018
	Mayme Sweeney	2017

Election Constables	Eugene Denis	2016
	George Couillard	2016

## Poll Workers

Wardens	Karen Hannula	2016
	Joyce Grucan	2016
	Sheila Tallman	2016

Deputy Warden	Susan Anderson	2016
	Mary Alger	2016
	Dorothy Leger-Lore	2016

Clerk	Shelley Saunders	2016
	Barbara Woodbury	2016
	Phyllis Denis	2016

Deputy Clerk	Judy Levangie	2016
	Deborah Koziol	2016

Inspectors	Colleen Pender	2016
	Doris Geyster	2016
	Herbert Ferran	2016
	Leo Provencher	2016
	Joyce Provencher	2016
	Priscilla LeClerc	2016
	Adrain Morgan	2016
	Frances Yackowski	2016
	Ida O'Brien	2016
	James Whalen	2016
	Janice Whalen	2016

Lucille Benbenek	2016
Thomas Benbenek	2016
Jane Eaton	2016
Carol Garvey	2016
Catherine Caisse	2016
George Woodbury	2016
Janice Turski	2016
Karen Tucker	2016
Laurie Snoonian	2016
Mary Chipman	2016
Sharon Dymek	2016
Annette Fleming	2016
Cheryl Decateret	2016
Diane Coffin	2016
Janice Caisse	2016
Linda St. Laurent	2016
Carol Clark	2016
Diane Haley Brooks	2016
Robert Kimball	2016
Isaac Matson	2016
Sally Frisch	2016
Janice Lovell	2016
Kathleen McAuliffe	2016
Ida Beane	2016
Jessica Bergeron	2016
Christine Sargent	2016
Barbara Cullen	2016
Samantha Anderson	2016
Kathy Matson	2016
Paul Saari	2016
Melanie Hall	2016



# VETERANS SERVICES

## HISTORY & SERVICES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing services to its needy veterans following the Revolutionary War. At the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, the state legislature formalized the Commonwealth's assistance to veterans by establishing M.G.L. (Massachusetts General Laws), Chapter 115 and Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. Initially established to assist injured and disabled veterans returning from Civil War Battlefields to the Commonwealth, M.G.L. Chapter 115 has been amended numerous times expanding its menu of benefits, services and programs available to eligible veterans to include but not limited to:

- Veterans' Benefits
- SAVE Program - Statewide Advocacy for Veterans' Empowerment: A peer specialist tasked with suicide prevention and liaison between veterans and their families and agencies within the federal and state governments
- S.H.A.R.P. Program – Statewide Housing Advocacy for Reintegration & Prevention: Tasked to end homelessness amongst veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Women Veterans' Network
- Annuities for 100% service-connected disabled veterans
- World War II, Korea and Vietnam Wartime Bonuses; Welcome Home Bonuses and Subsequent Deployment Bonuses for OEF/OIF veterans
- Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries (Agawam & Winchendon) applications
- Financial burial assistance for indigent veterans and/or spouse
- Formal partnerships/relationships with federal & state government programs and agencies

## TEMPLETON UPDATES

Since the Board of Selectman voted to have our own Towns Veterans Representative back in 2014. This community has grown in awareness and assistance to many Veterans, Widows, and or Widowers. It has been my distinct Honor to represent this Town and its Veterans every day. Since my Retirement from the US Army I have been able to assist twenty-one Veterans on MGL Chapter 115, also completing over forty-Eight Federal Packets.

Most of the cases have already been adjudicated. We have incorporated Purple Heart Signs, five in all. thanks to the support of the Friends of Templeton Veterans. We also were able to place Wounded Warrior Parking Signs at the Town Hall and the Middle School. Utilizing Channel 8 Cable Access to reach out to as many Veterans that I can. The Face Book Page has grown along with a joint effort of Outreach with the American Legion Post, Legion Riders, Lions Club, Woman's Club, and the Council on Aging. All these organizations in this Town have been very supportive to the Veterans and Veteran Families. The Friends of Templeton Veterans along with Town Donors have replaced two Flag poles in Town one at the Town Center which was dedicated to James Buzzy Columbus a WWII veteran the other flag pole was placed at the new Town Hall. The Friends of Templeton Veterans also deigned challenge coin, the development of Veteran T-Shirts is now available. Future memorials that need to be recognized for instance Revolutionary War, Civil War, the Cuban War, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. Working hand in hand with Alan Mayo for this to come to reality this Spring and Fall time line.

Thank you all for the support you have given to me and my family. Working on the development of the new Veterans Park in Baldwinville, working with the Army Corp of Engineers and utilizing CPC funds to make this memorial Park come to life.

#### TEMPLETON ORIGIN

The Templeton Board of Selectman in February 2014 made history by voting to break from the North Quabbin District and stand up the Town's First Veterans Service Officer. The Vote was 5-0 to break away and during that same meeting SFC Retired John Caplis was appointed as the First Director of Veteran Services for the Town of Templeton, that will support Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton based on the senses of 2013 504 Veterans. Operation Began April 1, 2014 and the Board of Selectman approved operation through April 2015. Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) authorized the activation of the Town of Templeton, Department of Veterans' Services, to begin operations on April 1, 2014. The Secretary has authorized the Town to continue operations through April 2016.

#### TEMPLETON VETERANS SERVICES GOVERNANCE

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 208 For every Town Veteran Service Officer established under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 208 there shall be a board consisting of a representative as appointed by the board of selectmen.

The Community Veterans Oversight Board established 2014 By-Laws dated 2015. Friends of Templeton Veterans Board Non-Profit Organization established 2014

#### TEMPLETON VETERANS SERVICES ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Bylaws dated 2015

The Director prepares and presents the next fiscal year's Administrative Budget to the Community Veterans Oversight Boards recommending the funds required for benefits and operations.

1. Community Veterans Oversight Board considers, discusses and approves the budget in November. Then it must be given to the Town Administrator for review and approval.

#### M.G.L. CHAPTER 115 "VETERANS' BENEFITS"

They are the financial assistance paid by towns to eligible recipients. The Commonwealth will reimburse a community up to 75% of dollars paid in benefits. See chart below for details:

FINALIZED FY15 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA CHART

FY	Benefits Expended	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
2014	\$49,747.03	\$37,307.00	75%
2015	\$97,674.31	\$69,577.92	75%
2016	140,234.00	120,121, 68	75%

I placed the FY years in place to see the increasing veteran benefit since SFC Retired John Caplis has come into Office as the Director of Veteran Service effective April 1, 2014.

During any fiscal year, there are many unknown factors that may impact Benefits Expended including: New applicants; Termination of recipients; Unemployed veterans; Indigent veterans; Homeless veterans; Funeral expenses; Relocations from another community; Referrals from organizations throughout the region and Commonwealth.

#### FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

The Town of Templeton assists veterans with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and other departments and agencies.

FY15 experienced significant increases in assistance for veterans diagnosed with Agent Orange disabilities; Mesothelioma (exposure to asbestos); Gulf War I Veterans that may have been exposed to a variety of environmental and chemical hazards that carry potential health risks; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); Sexual Assault Trauma; and other disabilities a veteran may have suffered during military service.

In the case of a veteran recently discharged with medical disabilities, the director elevated his concerns to the Department of Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) Office of Inspector General, Cleveland, Ohio, to resolve issues that were harming the well-being of this veteran diagnosed with PTSD & TBI.

VA activity includes the Healthcare System; Supplemental Application for veterans with existing service-connected disabilities requesting a reevaluation to increase the current disability rating of service-connection; Dependency & Indemnity Claims; Burial Expenses; Veterans Grave Markers, etc.

In addition, VA Applications are processed for non-service connected disability pensions for wartime veterans and widow/widower death pensions as the survivor of wartime veteran. The approval of the pensions may reduce or eliminate the need for M.G.L. Ch115 benefits.

The district has acquired military personnel records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued to the veteran. Veterans have received assistance with DoD applications to correct Military Records and formal requests to review and upgrade type of discharge.

Respectfully submitted,  
John C. Caplis

JOHN C CAPLIS  
SFC (Retired)  
Director Veteran Services

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Members for the Board of Appeals for fiscal year 2016:

John Fletcher, Chairman  
Joe Risi, Clerk  
Alan Drouin, member  
Rick Moulton, member  
David Smart, member  
Ron Davan, alternate member

Office Expenses:

Of the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) appropriated at the annual town meeting on May 21, 2015, for office expenses, a total of \$0.00 was expended. \$100.00 dollars was returned to the General Fund.

The Zoning Board of Appeals continued in FY 2016 to operate out of a Revolving Account.

Revolving Account Summary:

Allocated \$3000.00	Expended \$1286.57	Ending Balance \$1713.43
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Expenses cover newspapers notices for Public Hearings, and postage for mailings.

The Zoning Board of Appeals Board meets when the towns Building Inspector denies a request from applicants. The Building Inspector is the towns Zoning Enforcement Officer and denials can range from non-conforming lots, inadequate frontage, front, side or rear setback violations or something simple as a special permit required for a project.

The Zoning Board of Appeals presided over five Public Hearings in 2016, four appeal hearings and one special permit hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeal request for hearings can be filed at the Planning Board office, Town Hall, 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, Ma. 01438.

Respectfully Submitted,

John L. Fletcher  
Chairman  
Templeton Zoning Board of Appeals

# VOTERS GUIDE

## **FINANCIAL TERMS AND MATTERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

1. **Free Cash or Available Funds:** Surplus revenue less outstanding taxes of prior years.
2. **Overlay Fund:** Amount raised by the Assessors for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted.
3. **Overlay Reserve or Surplus:** Unused accumulated amount of overlay for the various years, which may be voted by the Town for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes.
4. **Reserve Fund:** Amount transferred from the overlay surplus or appropriated for unforeseen or emergency purposes. Controlled exclusively by the Advisory (Finance) Committee.
5. **Available Funds:** Free Cash Reserve and unexpected balance from other years available for appropriation. This affects the tax rate indirectly as any money spent other than that reimbursed by the County, State or Federal government must be raised by taxes and fees.
6. **Estimated Receipts:** Estimate of miscellaneous receipts based on previous years receipts deducted by the Assessors from the gross amount to be raised by taxation.
7. **Matching Funds:** Amounts made available by special State and Federal Acts to supplement local appropriation for specific types of projects.
8. **“Cherry Sheets”:** Details of State and County charges and reimbursements used in determining the tax rate, formerly printed on cherry colored paper.
9. **Chapter 90:** General Law, which provides for contributions by the State and County for construction and maintenance of certain Town ways; usually roads leading from one town to another.
10. **Absentee Ballot:** A ballot obtained in advance from the Town Clerk because of absence or inability to reach polling station on Election Day.
11. **Town Meeting:** Historically characteristic of New England, the Town Meeting is the assembly in which all local governmental powers are vested. A meeting of voters is held annually or on special occasions to elect officers, levy taxes, and determine the policies of the town for the year.
12. **By Law:** A regulation or law made by a local authority for controlling its affairs, but whose legality is suspended by the authority of the State.

## **COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETINGS**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Every, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
High School Kiva/Library  
464 Baldwinville Rd., Baldwinville

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Mondays 6:30 p.m.  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

### **SEWER COMMISSION**

1<sup>ST</sup> Monday at 4:30 p.m.  
Wastewater Treatment Plant

### **TEMPLETON LIGHT PLANT**

1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday immediately following  
The Water Commissioners  
Bridge Street, Baldwinville  
Templeton Light & Water Building

### **WATER COMMISSIONERS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Bridge Street, Baldwinville  
Templeton Light & Water Building

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Meetings held as needed  
160 Patriots Road, East Templeton

Posted meetings may be viewed at <http://www.templeton1.org/home/pages/meetings-calendar>  
For agendas, meeting minutes and documents, <http://www.mytowngovernment.org/01468>

## THANK YOU

The Board of Selectmen, and the Town of Templeton would like to thank all of our dedicated employees for all of their hard work year-round. We are lucky to have such hard-working employees that serve our community!

A big thank you to all of the Board and Committee members that volunteer so much of their time to improve our community. There are so many tasks that would not get completed without you!

We also need to thank the many volunteers that run sports leagues, coach teams, help with donations of work, time, or food to our food pantry & senior center. Volunteer at the library or other town departments. You are all sincerely appreciated!



**Report created and edited by Holly Young**

## COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM



Please refer to the Volunteer Positions available on the Town Website

[www.Templeton1.org](http://www.Templeton1.org)

*If you are interested in serving on a Town Board or Committee, complete this sheet and forward it to the Board of Selectmen's Office, 160 Patriots Road, P.O. Box 620, East Templeton, MA 01438. Occasionally appointments are made to fill vacancies on elected boards.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS(if different): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION OR SPECIAL SKILLS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate below, in order of preference, the Board or Committee that you are interested in:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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